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Shanghai, February 1, 1940. 10693

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 31 to February 6, 1940, both days inclusive.

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January 24, 1940. 10697

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5 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
6 A.W.C. 'Using Native Food', 11 a.m.
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13 A.W.C. Musical Programme, 4.45
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15 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
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20 A.W.C. Book Review, 4.45
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20 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
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Tubercular Emigres:

In Need of Assistance

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I must again draw public attention to the blessed activity of the Shanghai Anti-Tuberculosis Association. It is astonishing what it has been possible to create by Shanghailanders' noble and generous donations, and it is often admired as a great miracle that any appeal for charity to the Shanghai public has never failed. But the enormous success of this noble action of humanity is not least indebted to the self-sacrificing work of Dr. Huizenga, the medical leader of this Association. This distinguished physician is really indefatigable in the fulfilment of the task of his life, to fight with this horrible scourge of mankind. The Chinese needy population has reason to be grateful to him. Unfortunately I must state that there is no similar association able to help indigent foreigners suffering from tuberculosis. Especially among the many thousands of new-comers are there many of this pitiful kind, whose relief by the competent committees is absolutely insufficient, maybe deficient in the necessary understanding of the needs of these most deplorable of all refugees, possibly for lack of the necessary funds. I appeal to the conscience of Shanghai's public.

E. GR.

Shanghai, Feb. 1

Destitution:

A Chinese View

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is unbelievable that men, women and children should be frozen to death by the hundred, night after night, right in our midst. Such a thing could not happen in any large city elsewhere in the world. The response shown to the Salvation Army's campaign for "Hot Rice Fund" indicates that Shanghai public is not as callous as it first appeared.

The Salvation Army's effort on behalf of the poor homeless people deserves our warmest thanks and support. But the measure taken so far is, I am afraid, entirely inadequate to meet the serious situation. Bowls of hot rice distributed at midnight certainly alleviate the suffering of these people for a few hours, but will hardly prevent them from dying of cold during the rest of the night. What these people need is a shelter from the biting winds, some warm clothing and two or three regular meals a day, in other words, the minimum requirements of subsistence. Don't tell me that the problem is too big for the impoverished Shanghai community. Not so long ago, we supported a much larger number of war refugees, three times the present number, without any marked strain on our finances. The fact that theatres, cabarets and gambling places are doing a brisk business gives the lie to the assertion that Shanghai is unable to take care of its own destitutes. I bet we can round up the few thousand homeless people on the streets, give them food, clothing and a place to sleep in without hurting the amusement business a bit.

In order to raise the necessary funds, a vigorous city-wide drive should be launched, all public institutions and organizations, both Chinese and foreign, should be asked to join the campaign. If voluntary contributions can provide enough funds, well and good; if not, I think the S.M.C. should take up the responsibility itself. The S.M.C., for instance, could raise a loan and pay it back through imposing a sort of surcharge on the Municipal rates on houses with rentals above a certain amount. I don't care what means the S.M.C. employs to raise funds necessary to finance such a project. Even if the burden of contribution should fall unfairly on some shoulders, the unfairness is nothing in camparison with the rank iniquity of allowing our fellow beings to perish right under our noses, when it is well within our means to prevent it.

C. H.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

Cheap Rice Sales:

Present System Criticized

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I suggest that some more efficient means be devised for handling the sale of cheap rice to the poor. The present system is rotten, compelling the poor unfortunates to wait out in the cold and rain for hours, and wasting the time of the police. Moreover, the long queues of men, women and children block the entrances to other shops in the vicinity of the rice shops, thus making it difficult to enter and leave such shops.

Inasmuch as the amount of rice sold is limited to $1 worth, could not the quantity be made up in paper bags and handed to purchaser on presentation of his or her ticket?

In any event the present system needs immediate changing.

Y. C. T.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

The Kerchief:

Reader Appreciates Mode

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Last evening whilst walking down Nanking Road I thought that hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan had descended upon our fair city.

Getting close to these shrouded figures I found that they were nothing more than just women who had conceived the idea of transforming their neckerchiefs into headgear.

In these days of rigid economy mere men, especially husbands, cannot but applaud the new fashion of these two-in-one.

If the beak can only be tilted back a bit, these headpieces would be the ideal things for cinema shows.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Feb. 1

BY SAPAJOU

Dr. A. C. Bryson

Gigantic Scope of Britain's War Effort Described

Mr. Chamberlain Defines British Attitude to Neutrals; Community Life Revolutionized

London, Feb. 1.

"WE do not question the right of neutrals to decide whether they should come into the conflict or stay out, but we ask them to consider that though, in the exercise of belligerent rights, we may take action which causes them inconvenience or loss, we have never sunk a neutral ship and never wittingly sacrificed a single neutral life," said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in his speech at the Dorchester Hotel yesterday. "On the other hand," he added "our enemy threatens the existence of states which are too small, too weak, or too near to defy them." He was convinced the sentiments, and ultimate interests, of neutrals must be on the side of those who were trying to uphold the rights of nations and individuals to live lives free from fear of aggression or persecution.

"Britain and France," said Mr. Chamberlain "will fight on until the freedom which has been outraged comes into its own again, until friend and enemy can sit down and build a happier, safer world."

Mr. Chamberlain mentioned the agreement which had been concluded with the United States, just over a year ago, based on the 'most favoured nation' principle.

"We mean, when the war has been successfully concluded, to return to that ideal," said the Premier. "We must put an end to the vicious policy of economic nationalism and autocracy, which did so much to offset the last great peace settlement. One of our foremost aims will be the restoration of international trade."

Turning to Great Britain's war effort, the Prime Minister said that in order to fit themselves for their task, they had to revolutionize the industrial and community life of the country.

Huge Wool Purchase

To secure the raw materials they required, they had made arrangements whereby they purchased the whole of the Empire's wool output for the duration of the war and for a year afterwards. They had purchased £85,000,000 worth of textiles and leather. They had made long-term contracts for the supply of copper, zinc, lead, rubber, hemp and flax.

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Steel Output Grows

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Since the war began the manufacture of guns of all descriptions had been doubled, and in some cases increased eightfold. The output of shells had been doubled since the war began, and now it was ten times as great as after the first five months of the last war.

Since September they had placed orders for armaments, vehicles, machine tools and other supplies to the value of nearly £200,000,000.

Referring to the need for increased agricultural production, Mr. Chamberlain said their aim was to increase arable land by 2,000,000 acres, more than 1,250,000 acres of which had already been scheduled.

"You will see," remarked the Premier, "that we are using the services of millions of men and women. We are taking steps to control tens of millions of tons of materials, we are spending hundreds of millions of money. We hope to make still greater efforts."

Yet in spite of all this there was not a single non-belligerent country that felt threatened by this enormous accumulation of power.

"One thing," the Premier added "is becoming clearer daily from the actions of the Germans themselves. That is, we are fighting for every country which is oppressed by the fear they may follow Czechoslovakia, Poland and now Finland."—Reuter.

Britain Studying Oil Problem

Rumania Placed in Weak Position; Allies May Use Belligerent Rights

London, Jan. 31.

The Rumanian problem came to the forefront today as a report on the critical Rumanian oil situation was awaited here from experts who have been conducting a thorough investigation.

Knotted by recent developments, the skein of Bucharest's relations with Germany, on the one hand, and Britain and France, on the other, will be unravelled with the aid of the report which is to decide the Allies' policy toward Rumania and her commercial accord with the Reich.

The situation appears to be the following, informed quarters declared.

Germano-Rumanian trade accords provide that monthly 120,000 tons of Rumanian oil should be delivered to the Reich. Execution of these accords was imperfect so far, however, and deliveries have reached nothing like the quota figure, because of transportation difficulties.

Here another element enters the situation, for most Rumanian oil companies are financed by French and British capital and naturally hesitated to furnish the enemy with war supplies.

Bitter German Complaints

Bitter German complaints followed and in order to bring some order into relations with Berlin, the Bucharest Government decided to place all oil companies under Government control.

The Allies, however, could hardly agree to conditions in which a country they guarantee against aggression, should bring pressure to bear on companies with Allied capital in order to supply the enemy.

Therefore for several days, the export of British and French commodities to Rumania was interrupted.

At that juncture, the Rumanian Government made a demarche protesting its good faith.

No final measures were taken, however, and it was decided to wait for the experts' report on the Rumanian oil situation.

Government quarters meanwhile emphasized this evening that the following elements dominate the situation:

Cordial relations exist between France and Great Britain, on one side, and Rumania on the other.

Therefore, out of consideration for Rumania's difficult position, the Allies will not oppose enforcement of the Rumanian-German trade agreement but strongly insist that treaty quotas be not exceeded.

Finally, the Allies consider themselves entirely free to exercise their belligerent rights and seek to prevent by all means even treaty deliveries from reaching Germany.—Havas.

Importance of Coming Balkan Conference

Neutrality Likely to Be Chief Subject

Bucharest, Feb. 1.

Neutrality will almost certainly be the keynote of the Balkan conference at Belgrade on Friday. The deliberations will be private. No agenda is published but it is believed that the first step will be statements by Ministers of the Balkan Entente with regard to the position of their countries.—Reuter.

Demand For Strong Bloc

Belgrade, Feb. 1.

The fact that on the eve of the Balkan conference Germany has requested countries in south-eastern Europe to define their attitude in the economic field has added greatly to to the importance of the conference.

The request has aroused a general demand that the Balkan Entente cooperates to form a strong economic bloc and reinforce political independence in action with regard to the belligerents.—Reuter.

Turkey's Position Clarified

Foreign Minister States Nation Not Neutral But Outside Present War

Istanbul, Jan. 31.

Turkey is not neutral, but only outside the present war, Foreign Minister Sukru Sarajoglu told newspapermen today shortly before his departure for the Balkan Entente conference that is to be held in Belgrade from February 2 to 4.

He gave a detailed description of Turkey's position in the Balkans and vis-a-vis the Allies, stating:

"Our conversations with the Foreign Ministers of allied and friendly countries to exchange views on questions interesting our Government have always yielded happy results.

"Balkan solidarity, whose inestimable value is recognized in peacetime as well as today, when the danger of war hovers in the offing will not fail to be strengthened as a result of the meeting (in Belgrade).

"Turkey, in the presence of the present war," he emphasized, is not neutral, but simply out of it.

"To remain out of war, it is necessary that all the requisite measures be taken to keep the flame of conflict from our hearths.

"Such measures alone can save peace.

"Our policy includes no secret engagements," he declared, "and we are determined to remain on the path of peace unless we are compelled to stand by our sacred engagements.

"Therefore, in order not to become the object of aggression and to forestall events that night incur our enforcement of given pledges, we will remain vigilant while we participate in the necessary political activity," M. Sarajoglu concluded.—Havas.

Crew of Columbus in U.S. at Present

Willing to Take Risks To Get Home Again

New York, Feb. 1.

Immigration officials state that the crew of the liner Columbus, which was scuttled to escape capture by a British destroyer, are still interned on Angel Island, San Francisco. Thus the report that 500 members of the crew have sailed abroad in Japanese fishing boats is denied.

Rumours, however, are current that a plan exists to divide the sailors into small units and scatter them along the coast and then quietly put them aboard Japanese ships. The sailors themselves say they are willing to try a hazardous voyage in order to get home.—Reuter.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Rosina Florence Jacobs

The late Rosina Florence Jacobs was born in Plymouth, England, on November 25, 1874, and arrived in Hongkong as a girl. At the age of 20 years she married Edward Henry Jacobs in the Peak Church, Hongkong, and in the same year, 1894, they returned to England. Ten years later Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs arrived back in Hongkong, after having been in Malta and India, with their two sons, Archie and Noel. Her husband, who had served with the Royal Garrison Artillery and was with the Standard Oil Company of New York at the time of his death, died in 1914.

In 1916 the late Mrs. Jacobs came to Shanghai with her two sons and has been here ever since. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and her two daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jacobs, at present in Tsingtao, and Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Jacobs, now in Shanghai, her three grand-children, Lorna, Freda and Lily Jacobs and a wide circle of friends, among whom she was highly respected.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Bubbling Well Cemetery with the Rev. C. W. Allan of the Union Church officiating. The coffin was carried to the grave by Messrs. W. Archer, M. Palmer, H. Randby, H. Tuttleman, L. Greenberg and E. Whitgob. Three beautiful floral tributes from "Dora and Noel", "Archie and Trixie" and "Lorna, Freda and Lily" were lowered into the grave with the coffin. Among others sending flowers were:—

Annie, Luba, Shoora, Ritchie and Bill; Bella and Laurie; Betar; Eddie; Fanny, Louis and children; George, Sarah and the Kiddies; Mouty and Vera; Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Members of the Jewish Company, Shanghai Volunteer Corps; Scouters, Scouts and Cubs 5th Shanghai Jewish Group; Mr. and Mrs. R. Bereford; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bitker; Mrs. J. Bloomfield and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. Boorman and Marjorie; Grisha and Fanny Braude; Mrs. L. Bruce and children; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Chaikin and sons; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Denton; Mr. and Mrs. E. Englund; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Frank; Mrs. B. Gaberman, Mac and Tony; Mrs. Anna Gartenstein and son; Mr. and Mrs. William Goldenberg; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Grant; Mr. and Mrs. Kagansky; Mrs. Mansfield; Millers' Families; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Parry; Captain Haakon Randby and Mrs. Olga Randby; Mina and Giovanny De Santis; Martha Schmueser, Dorothea and Gertrude; Mrs. H. Slossman and family; Mrs. L. Spielman and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Steventon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Stock; Taylor family; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tuttelman and family; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wegener; Mr. and Mrs. White and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williamson; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Yorke and Joyce; Mrs. Zammattio and family; Miss C. Haas; Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg and Mr. Epstein; Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenberg; and others.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.

Fire Breaks Out in U.S. Aircraft-Carrier

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.

Fire broke out on the newest American aircraft-carrier, the Wasp in the naval dockyards at Quincey, Mass., today. The fire was rapidly put out, but damages were caused amounting to $5,000. This is the second time that fire has broken out in this aircraft-carrier, which will cost $30,000,000 when completed. An investigation has been opened in order to ascertain whether the conflagration was caused by sabotage.—Havas.

U.S.-Canada Agreement Said Reached

Ottawa, Jan. 31.

The United States and the Canadian Governments are in complete agreement on the St. Lawrence Waterway project and will sign an agreement shortly, it was reliably learned last night. The agreement will result in the greatest mutual undertaking Canada and the United States have ever attempted.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF FEBRUARY 2, 1870

From Hankow:—Last night, the community of Hankow was gratified by the performance of the Operetta "Cox and pox" (from Morton's Farce of "Box and Cox") at our Olympic Theatre. Two things are necessary for the successful performance of this operetta, namely, good music and spirited acting, and these requirements were fully met on the present occasion. The acting was excellent, and the music, both vocal and instrumental, of a very high order indeed. The words of the operetta are by Burnand, and the music by Sullivan. The character of Bouncer was sustained by Mr. Le Bel, with his usual talent. The great success which this gentleman has achieved in our dramatic corps is mainly owing to the ease with which he assumes, for the time, the character which he represents. Mr. P. Q. Nia, as Cox was a veritable "hatter" both in appearance and manner, and well sustained his character throughout, by his spirited acting. Mr. M. R. L. Dyle also as Box, the printer, performed his part with great success. Altogether we have to thank our amateur corps for a most delightful evening. The performers last night, must have taken immense pains and trouble to master their various parts so thoroughly, and we only hope that this will not be the last of their operettas.

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THE PASSING SHOW PAGE

As its title denotes, this page deals with the latest information and theatre gossip. It is published every Sunday and Thursday and will be found of great interest to all theatre lovers.

Belgium's Chief of Staff Resigns

Wants to Take Up Active Field Command

Brussels, Jan. 31.

Giving as his reason the desire to assume active field command, Lt.-General E. M. Van den Bergen, Chief of the Army General Staff, resigned today, a communique disclosed this evening at the close of a Cabinet meeting.

His resignation caused great surprise in all quarters, where it was believed that it was due to personal reasons and not to "outside" pressure, however.

War Minister General Denis, the communique stated, told his Cabinet colleagues that he would propose General Michiels as the successor of General Van den Bergen.—Havas.

Disgraceful for Nazis To Learn Polish

Conquered Nation Should Learn German

Berlin, Feb. 1.

The "Warschauer Zeitung" yesterday complained that German officials iin Poland have been trying to learn Polish, whereas it is really up to the Poles, as a vanquished race, to learn German.

"One really cannot see why the victor should suit himself to the vanquished," the journal said, "particularly in our case, where German culture towers above the alleged cultural achievements of the former Poland....German for Poles! Polish for Germans—United Press.

"La Revue Nationale Chinoise"

The February issue of "La Revue Nationale Chinoise" features two lectures delivered in Tokyo by Father Henri Bernard and amalgamated into one article. Father Henri Bernard is a well-known scholar to all those interested in Oriental studies and the foremost authority on the rise of Western civilization in the Far East, which is the special topic of the present survey. Other problems dealt with, are the establishment of a new central régime in China, the relations between Japan, Russia and the United States, the economic organization of French-Indochina and perspective in Chinese painting. An analysis of the work of Lin Fon Min, the famous modern painter of China, is illustrated with a great number of photographs. The press review, the general items and other permanent columns give valuable information on the activity of the month in the Far East.

Support for New Deal From Mine Workers

Demand for Continuance Of Programme

Columbus, Feb. 1.

The United Mine Workers Union Convention here yesterday demanded the continuance of the New Deal programme begun under President Roosevelt's first Administration, disregarding the attack on the Administration by Mr. John L. Lewis, Chairman of the Congress for Industrial Organization.

The Convention empowered the executive board to act on the third term issue. Several Union members delegates criticized Mr. Lewis' attack on the New Deal and one local threatened to withdraw from the C.I.O. if it does not endorse Mr. Roosevelt if he runs for a third term.—United Press.

Von Starhemberg Joins French Army

Paris, Feb. 1.

Prince von Starhemberg, former vice-Chancellor and ex-leader of the Heimwehr in Austria, has been officially gazetted as an infantry lieutenant in the French Army. The prince cannot command French soldiers, but only foreign units.—Reuter.

"Oriental Affairs"

The February number of "Oriental Affairs" contains an editorial article on the expiration of the American-Japanese commercial treaty—"American-Japanese Relations"; other editorial articles are "Britain and the Neutrals," "The Avenue Haig Outrage," relating to the attempt on the life of Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council; "The Wang Ching-wei Government"; "Mr. McNutt and the Nine Power Treaty"; "Japan's New Ministry." Among the special articles are "The Remains of Genghiz Khan"; "The New Dalai Lama"; "Tientsin as 'Cradle of the New Order.'" All those who have read the reminiscences of Sir Edmund Hornby, first Chief Justice of H.M. Supreme Court for China, Japan and Korea, will delight to reread the extract from his book, which is incorporated in the article "Holy Trinity Cathedral," while those who have not read his book, may perhaps learn something that they never knew before from his story of how Holy Trinity Church became a Cathedral. Mr. Lin Yu-tang's "Moment in Peking" receives a full review in this number, and shorter book reviews, Far Eastern Correspondence and other permanent features bring this month's "Oriental Affairs" well up to standard.

Soviets "Enemy Number One of Christians"

Vatican Organ on Russo-German Alliance

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Feb. 1.

While most Italian newspapers continue to refrain from comment on Herr Hitler's speech, the Vatican organ "Avvenire" refers to the Fuehrer's defence pact with Stalin.

"Everybody understands that Germany obeyed the demands of war and strategy" the article says, "but the fact remains that the Italians can never regard the Soviet Union as other than Enemy Number One of Christian civilization religiously, socially, and politically."—Reuter.

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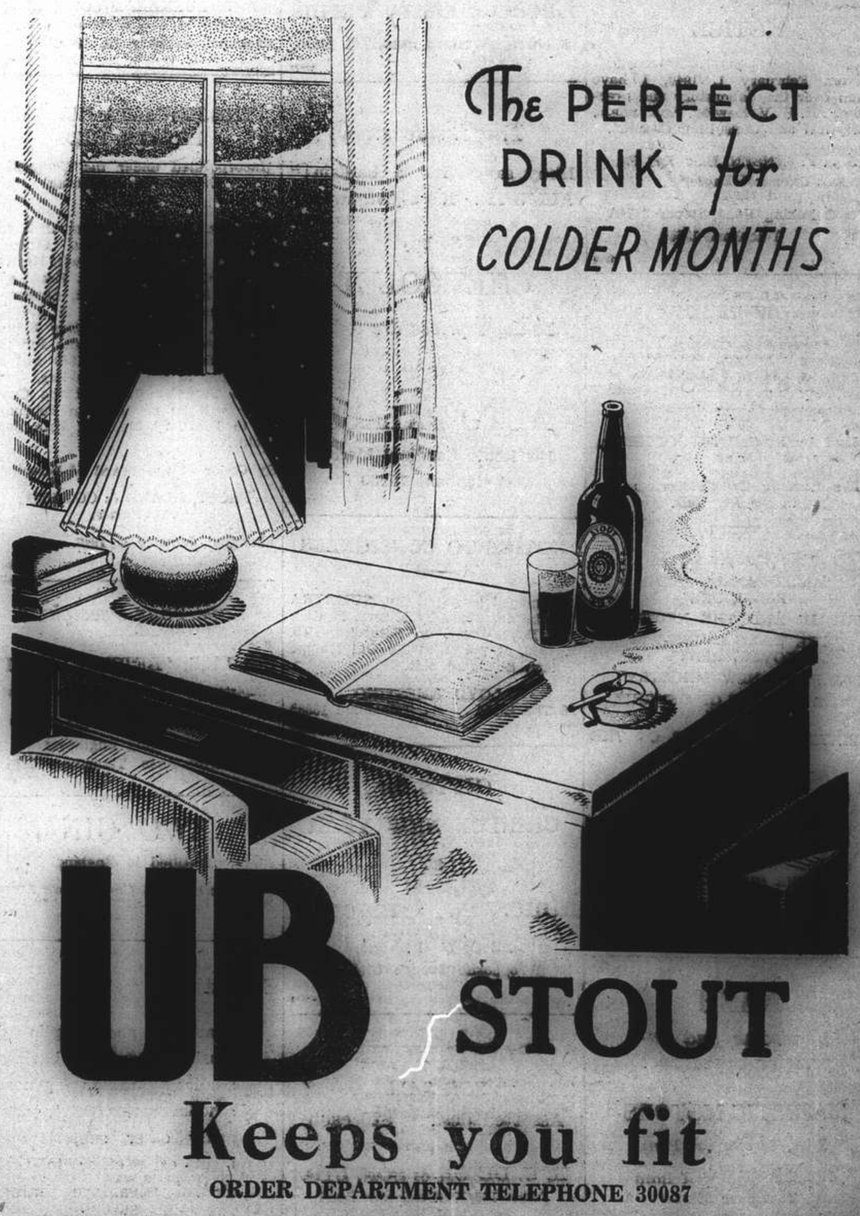

WOMAN'S PAGE

A Mayfair Notebook

By Philine

Dec. 15.

The chatelaine of a fine old Tudor mansion is soon to have an army of new visitors in her country home. They are the 3,500,000 silk worms who will be added to her own famous collection of worms so that she may vastly increase her usual silk output. This remarkable extension of an industry which has been carried on for many years is one of the consequences of war conditions. In the course of a few months the price of silk has risen from 10s. 3d., to 22s. 3d., while "strusa"—the coarse fibre—has risen from 1s. 6., to 3s. 7d.

Lady Hart Dyke keeps a staff of 15 busy spinning silk all the year round. The workers monopolize twenty-five out of the fifty-four rooms of her house. In the season, June and July, during which the silk worms emerge, grow and make their cocoons, the staff increases to 50. Some of them start their work very early, arriving at 3.30. or 4 o'clock in the morning to pick the mulberry leaves on which silkworms feed.

The worms ate their way through 75 tons of mulberry leaves this year but in return each cocoon the worms spun contained one-and-a-half miles of silk. And their work can be speeded up if necessary by the heating of their room. If the temperature is lowered, they don't eat so much and they become idlers.

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A Student at 75

Mrs. Elinor Glyn, the novelist, was one of the ablest of official propagandists in the last war. In her office in Paris, she wrote propaganda about the French for America and about the Americans for the troops in France. She paid several visits to the front and on the battlefields of the Somme wrote, in a single night, her most serious work, "Destruction."

At the age of 75, Mrs. Glyn cannot take so active a part in the present war as, no doubt, she would like to do. Today, she is an observer and she has left the role of war worker to her daughter, Lady (Rhys) Williams, who has a post in the Ministry of Information.

Mrs. Glyn is thinking of embodying in a new novel some of the volume of notes on the intimate details of medieval life which the late Dr. T. M. Lindsay, the noted medievalist, compiled for her. These notes have never been published and Dr. Lindsay made only one other copy of them—for Lord Curzon. Lately, the famous novelist has become absorbed in the study of the Middle Ages.

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Jill of All Trades

The dance hostess is doing very useful work indeed in town these days, when dancing, and, particularly, the tea-dance, is the most popular form of entertainment. By the way, the first charity ball of the war is to be held next week and Father Christmas will be present, wearing a gas mask as well as the more familiar white beard and whiskers.

The modern dance hostess has many duties to perform other than dancing with guests. If you doubt this, ask Miss Vera Lumley-Kelly who has lately been engaged as a dance hostess at London's Grosvenor House. Her jobs have included arranging games of bridge or expeditions to places of interest for members of foreign delegations visiting town. She introduces people to night clubs and plans tours round the Zoo; helps to choose clothes and jewellery, trousseaux and hats.

Once, a husband wanted to give his wife a surprise party and a surprise wedding anniversary present. Miss Lumley-Kelly was called in to decorate the suite, undertake the sending out of all invitations, the making of all arrangements. She was also asked to choose the husband's gift to his wife. After much careful thought, she settled on one which should please any woman—a silver fox coat.

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They Call It "Semi-Astrakhan"

If you want to get the smart, sophisticated effect of the newest curled coiffures, London's hairdressers advise you to sweep up your hair. Hair is still worn short, but it is getting a little longer, about four inches at the back, lengthening to six inches in front. The girl with a piquant little face usually tends to fluff the hair out at the sides. The result is quite youthful and pretty, but it is rather "ordinary." That is the expert opinion. A girl will look much smarter if she piles the hair up over the forehead and sweeps it slickly off the ears. This change is made by a few flicks of the comb.

The new cut is called "semi-astrakhan," and it can be adapted to all types of faces. If your face is long, don't pile up the hair too heavily on top. Don't fluff it out too much at the sides, either. Skilful hairdressing can give the required width at the sides and still keep the upward sweep. A last "don't"; don't be afraid to show your ears, unless they are your worst point.

With such a hair style as "semi-astrakhan" it was to be expected that women would devise appropriate decorations. Certainly, at Christmastime, a little frivolity in women's toilettes may be forgiven even by the sternest of the dress-simply-and-sensibly-in-wartime brigade. The other night, at the theatre, a member of the audience caused a mild sensation, but no rude remarks, when she arrived with two hen's eggs nestling among her piled-up blonde curls. Round her throat hung a choker necklace of similar eggs, all blown and hand-painted by herself.

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The New Yorker Wears . . .

The Yankee Clipper, taking American representatives of the dress trades to and fro across the Atlantic, keeps us in touch with American fashions, and vice versa. New York has taken the tea-dance idea from England and the dressy, afternoon frock. Indeed, the New Yorker's tea-dance frock is a much more elaborate affair than the Londoner's. It has the smallest of small wasp-waist, for it grips a tightly corsetted figure, a double swing skirt, most likely, and it is topped by the deepest possible yoke of contrasting transparent net or chiffon, outlined and edged with sequins.

In hair styles, New York has not copied England. Young American women wear their hair down on their shoulders and cut with elaborate fringes. For the evening, these long manes are confined in Juliet-snoods of pearls. Generally speaking, it seems that American dress fashions are still taken chiefly from Paris.

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Cut-Outs From Cretonne

Appliqué work has always been popular with the keen needle-woman and lately it has suggested to her gay new ways for the decoration of her home. Now she is covering the seats and backs of dining-room chairs, making curtains, a table runner, and, perhaps a cushion or two, all to match. The decorative basis of all these articles is a single, though fairly large length of patterned cretonne.

Most of us have odd pieces of flower patterned cretonne which would be suitable for this kind of appliqué work. Left-over pieces have probably been put away to wait for just such a good purpose as this. First of all, the background of curtains, chair-covers., etc., etc., must be of plain coloured fabric, so cut out and run up each article. Now, take the length of patterned cretonne and cut from it sufficient "repeats" of the design and start decorating the chair covers.

Tack the designs to the covers, arranging them in well spaced lines or groups. Secure each with thinly made starch and when dry buttonhole round the edge of each with embroidery thread in one of the cretonne shades. Remove tacking and turn in all raw edges. Finally, work a row of French knots along all edges for neatness.

Curtains and any other decorative furnishings you wish to appliqué can be made in much the same way with the remaining "repeats" of the cretonne design. The design may be a sprig of vivid flowers and such sprigs must be grouped alike on all the furnishings to be matched up. There are exceptions to this rule, of course. A small cushion, a tea-cosy, a blotter would need but one motif placed in the centre of the plain fabric back-ground.

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Little Red Riding Hoods

The modern version of the Little Red Riding Hood and cloak is the coat and hood. The London woman of today has taken enthusiastically to the coat and hood of matching fabric. Indeed, she has become so attached to the hood style of headdress that she generally includes several hoods in her wardrobe. The most useful of these is probably the one she has knitted herself. It may be of silk or wool, but whether it is to slip on on a dark, windy night when she goes out to post a letter, or whether it is intended for more festive occasions, the knitted hood is ideally comfortable and practical. Also, it will wash again and again and look as new.

Here are working instructions for the serviceable type of hood Londoners are wearing at the moment. It is simple to make and the shape is equally good for wool or silk. Take 2 oz. double knitting wool and a pair of No. 7 needles, cast on 40 stitches and knit 1 plain 1 purl for 20 inches. Cast off, and join down the back. Now knit a narrow strip for the neckband, making two buttonholes at one end. For this strip cast on 14 stitches and knit in the same stitch as the hood until it is 16 inches long. Join the neckband to the base of the hood.

Home for Polish Refugees in France

At Neuilly M. Jean Staczyk, Minister in Charge of Relief for Polish Refugees, is picturea in this photograph tasting the fare served to occupants of the Home for Polish Refugees. At the left, assisting in the ceremonies of the day, is Mrs. Anthony Biddle, Jr, wife of the United States Ambassador to Poland.

New Carpets

Fitting and Cleaning

When a floor is being measured for a fitted carpet it may be found that if the seams are arranged to run from end to end of the room one strip of carpet will have to be cut to waste. The strips may work in more economically if they are laid across the room. If the carpet is plain or only slightly patterned the effect will be just as good, and wasteful cutting may be avoided.

A joined carpet, when it is taken up for cleaning, should not be folded along the seams. Although that is the easiest way it is bad for the carpet, for it tends to strain the stitching, and in time will make the seams look threadbare.

A new carpet should not be swept too much at first. If it is allowed to settle down for a while the threads will not be so easily loosened, and there will be less fluff on the surface. Sweeping or vacuum cleaning should be done in the direction in which the pile lies, and not across or against it.

The Older Woman's Wardrobe

New Lines In New York

In studying American papers it may come as a surprise to an English public to know that, when Americans refer to a "woman," they mean a woman of middle age. For the rest of femininity words such as "the hostess," "the smart woman," "the woman of taste" are used. To say, "For women hats are befurred" addresses the appeal direct to the woman of around forty-five.

Side-Fastening Coats

Because the problem of dressing women of this age (and over) draws the interest of those with the biggest spending power, what is known as "The Woman's Shop" of one of the leading department stores asked the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, New York resident, to select what she considered the ideal "woman's' wardrobe.

The feature of the fashions of today which she considered most helpful to those who tend to get broader proves to be the side-fastening of clothes. In the August dress collections in Paris, dress house after dress house used side-fastenings to dresses and coats. The Grand Duchess proves her point in particular with fur loaded cloth coats in which triangular panels running from waist to hem and other panels widening from waist to shoulders help to slim the figure. Dresses may be side-fastened, in her opinion, or made in tiers with a straight front panel and buttons running right from throat to hem, with a touch of white at the throat, again drawing the eye from danger spots such as the waist.

For the evening she thinks a suitable outfit for the older woman going to the theatre to be one with a covering jacket, made gay with glittering embroidery, again disposed in eye-distracting positions. Red with silver on it she considers a good alternative for the more general black with gold. Indeed, red for the woman of middle years is being tremendously advocated. Miss Gertrude Lawrence has a grown-up daughter, and has been according a great following among mothers: she has been using a combination of regimental reds with grey and other shades, and at her recent New York first night many white-haired and grey-haired women were seen in scarlet to garnet shades, while her own contemporaries wore white with regimental red.

The hats which the Grand Duchess sponsored were quiet and forward tilting in a city where "the woman" has been generally seen in off-the-face brimmed hats lying, in inspiration, between the bonnet and the picture hat, or in forehead revealing turbans with skyhigh knots, flowers or ostrich tips.

To Taper the Waist

But her greatest recommendation to her contemporaries was to choose an all-in-one corset with a line which tapers the waist. She recommends this not because it is the new silhouette but because it gives her gently, in terms of the finest materials, that support which the older woman needs to support her diaphragm and to prevent fatigue lines showing in her face at the end of a day. With that and perfectly fitting shoes, with heels not too high, "the woman" can look fresh and brilliant whatever fatigues she may meet in the bustling life of a city.

Blackout Precautions

This woman is doing her bit by marking out the white paint lines by means of which Londoners find their way about during a blackout. She carries a steel hat and a gas mask.

Readjusted Thoughts On Comfort

Cover-The-Hair Fashions

London, Dec. 15.

How surprising it is to the women of us who have watched over the comfort of men's lives, attended to every detail—of their laundry, their fine linen, their taste in food, the exact hour at which they got their early morning tea, the quality of the tea, to find them returning on leave apparently not having missed one of these items. Yes, they have missed them in the sense that they have not been there, but the loss of them they have not noticed. Camp and barrack life, with its masculine toughness, its hard work and amusing company, gives them a contentment that we were not able to give, with all our loving care. Have we then been wrong in our standards? When all this is over will those same men (whom God grant be with us) once again want women's careful ministrations or will life be on a less luxurious basis?

The stories told by the voluntary workers of the police canteens (they work in shifts to cover every one of the twenty-four hours) proves that they think as highly of the Force and its good humour as do any visiting foreigners. Here are two stories going the rounds:

While bacon and egg, sausage and chips are the main dishes asked for, a relish is usually added and varies nightly. "Hot sauce tonight?" asks a helper. "Well, p'raps tonight I'll have vi'lets instead." "What," comes in a chorus from the others. "What, onions—and you going out with your girl." Then there is the man they call Shirley because he has gone bald under his helmet: "don't let him spend his spare cash on 'baccy, miss, 'cos you see he needs it for his perm club."

If you see policemen chewing gum on the beat, you can reckon they are War Reserves. They miss their smokes tremendously; the canteens have to stock up to fifty different kinds of packets to satisfy these connoisseurs off duty—and "lollies" and gum to content them between times.

Square Dances

The square dances which children once learnt in dancing class and which have swept America this past summer are coming into favour here. The evacuee children are being taught them—you can't get enough tap-dancing teachers nor "swing" experts in the country places, but the older women remember the fun they used to have and get things going with lancers and quadrilles and the like. There is usually an M.C. (mistress, not master, as often as not) to see that the chain begins in the right place, to see that they salute their partners instead of tripping them up or fighting them. Bowing and curtseying seem very odd affairs to these children.

The real trouble is how to get the music: the radio can't supply it and gramophone records of that kind are hard indeed to come by. For grand occasions a fiddler can occasionally be provided, but the children themselves form little percussion bands, or play the mouth-organ.

Good-Bye to the Arts

What one may call a "civilian sadness" of the war is watching the shutting up, one by one, of crafts and arts which it has taken years for this country to develop. One such is carpet-making by hand. Quite close to Paddington Station is a house where twenty girls sat, highly trained in the making of handworked carpets. Owners of new fine houses would order floor coverings here—the Duchess of Kent in a pattern of flowers and arrows, with the G and the M worked in, Lady Haddington, Lady Louis Mountbatten (chiefly in Spanish designs), Lady Honor Channon, with pictures of her town and her country houses and with all her hobbies touched on, music and flying, yachting and skating. Mr. Everard Gates had several, Sir Steven Bilsland (head of the Scottish branch of the Council of Art and Industry) a splendid specimen. Now Mr. Pontremoli, who began by designing chair covers for us to work, but has since spent many years perfecting these beautiful things for floors, can carry on no longer. The girls, who would take three to twelve months to make a carpet, according to the size, are dispersed, and there remain to sell only the specimen carpets, the carpets that represented this country at famous exhibitions, some half dozen painted rugs with their wools for us to work, and a score of chair-cover sets also waiting to be stitched. The Queen has had chair covers designed here, one with Windsor Castle worked into its design. Americans, who reckoned this one of our arts, will also be inconsolable.

A Butter Store

Foreign cooks from mountain districts are surprised that any rationing of butter should be necessary in this country. They themselves would have been all their winters through without butter supplies had they not preserved it. (And in the same way they cannot understand why we do not preserve our game and meats in the ways they themselves have habitually used.) I watched a Czechoslovak cook at work preserving twelve pounds in one country district. She used with it four ounces of coarse salt, well mixed, put it on to simmer for one hour (it is important that the butter should never get brown), and after that poured it through a strainer into stone crocks. She assured me that, treated like that with the water evaporated and the impurities strained out, they kept theirs for as much as two years, and that without any covering up of the jars with candlefat or other preservatives . . . Is it hoarding? Yet surely not if the butter would otherwise not keep and so be wasted.

Black-out Heels

"Wedgeheel lifties," those shoes without a gap between heel and sole, are tremendous favourites with women of all ages, thanks to the black-out, for you cannot catch your heel on anything in the dark. Even for tea-dance shoes "halfway heels" are being bought, moderate heighted though lighter in effect than the cuban. Suéde is favourite with patent used as decoration to protect the toe and to cover the heel. The high elastic gusset front leads with piping of patent.

Convenient Snood

Paris has just designed a first collection of wartime hats: the London store "buyers" have been to make their choice and here they are in the most exclusive of the departments.

It's net, net, net right away through the collections. The fashion of the snood, which the hairdressers said would die off, is accentuated, because women have not too much time to spare for their hair and yet want above all to be smart.

Dress Up The Head

In Paris it is taken for granted that entertaining will take place round a table and that, just as the dresses have all their decoration around the yoke and shoulders, so the head will be dressed alike for tea dances and for evenings.

The snoods are made of crochet mesh, of fine net, coarse net, and as well of wool. Some are held in by elastics under the hair, others are tied at the nape of the neck as if the net were hair, with a tiny velvet hair-ribbon in colour. But there are will-o'-the-wisp evening snoods, cages for the hair made in net dotted with sequins, some with tiny sequined net boleros to match. Or again there are mere transparencies of net snoods topped with just a bunch of roses and gardenias with bows of velvets, in which to go dancing with the men on leave. This is the kind of "hat" which is worn at, say, the Embassy, where tails, white ties, and evening décolleté is seen some nights and yet remains the exception.

Cover-up Turbans

There are also many turbans for the tea dance, some in velvet, many in silk jersey, which is elastic enough to be stretched to go over the hair without disturbing a curl, though the entire head is covered. The jersey tulle or velvet is knotted above the brow and worn back from it, showing a triangle of hair and no more. A turban of this kind in black satin ribbon has two huge gold clips above the centre of the forehead.

In small daytime shapes the caps jut well forward, slope away at the back of the head, disappearing into the snoods which conceal the back hair, snoods which also may be made of the fine jersey with an elastic quality, again tied at the back of the head with a bow in the manner of a one-time schoolgirl's hair.

Apart from these "party hats" this shop, like others, reports a steady sale in mink hats, made to match the fur coats which are still being sold at such remarkable prices, far below that, for example, which American women have to pay.

Understanding of Place Names in Finland

The baffling tongue twisters, replete with double vowels, that occur daily in the war dispatches from Finland take on an easy lilt and quick understanding once the main idea is mastered.

With examples from a language that has been used for literary composition only since 1935, the year Finland's ancient, unwritten epic Kalewala was reduced to writing, M. Lauri Astola of the Finnish Consulate in New York made it clear that a non-Finn reading the news needs chiefly to know a list of suffixes.

These suffixes, tacked on as integral parts of place names, have special meanings as keys to terrain and geographical features, Mr. Astola explained. For instance there is joki (pronounced yoki), which means river. In a recent Moscow dispatch reference was made to action at Taipaleenjoki.

Mr. Astola translated this to Taipale River. The middle syllable, "en," denoted the genitive form.

The following is a list of the suffixes explained by Mr. Astola, with phonetic pronunciation. The accent is on the first syllable in each case.

saari—island—sah-ri, The "r" is trilled.
jaervi—lake—yar-vi.
Salmi—strait or narrow—sabi-mi.
niemi—peninsula—ni-ay-me.
snu—mouth, as of a river—soo.
koski—waterfall—"o" as in oval.
vaara—mountain ridge—var-ah.
kyla—village—ky-lah.
lahti—golf, bay or inlet—lah-te.
vesi—small bodies of water, sometimes designates lakes—vay-see.
selka—any wide stretch of water—sel-kah.

Mr. Astola mentioned two prefixes: yla—eye-lah, meaning upper, and ala—ah-la, meaning lower. The word for north is pohjois, pronounced pohyoy. South is etela, spoken as ay-tel-ah.

Mr. Astola stressed that the language was endemic with the Finnish people, that it had no relationship with the Russian language. The only other language like it is Estonian, he said.

It is a pity to destroy paper when, if soaked, tightly squeezed, and made into balls, it is a great help and a money-saver with a coal fire. It is also a handy fire-lighter, especially in a flat whose occupants want the old-fashioned fire.

Balloon Barrage in London

London reminds me of the psalm, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," says "L.O.H." in the "Sydney Morning Herald."

Constantly, one sees groups of people gazing upward and discussing the network of balloons that spreads above the city. On the horizons in veritable shoals, and even overhead, reassuringly close to one another, the great flowing shapes, swinging closely on their mooring-lines, look like bloated, silver fish, blunt in the nose, with fins far back, facing all into the wind.

In the early morning, they are gilded by the rising sun; when light clouds drift across the sky they seem to dissolve into mere shadows; one evening at sunset, they were all tinged with a rosy pink.

Yet one has come to look on them as familiar, reassuring presences, for one day that I had occasion to go a few miles beyond the city boundaries, I found the sky strangely, even alarmingly, bare without them, and was rejoiced to see them once more above me on my return.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

High Scores in Bowling League Matches

Foreign Y.M.C.A. Defeat Marines by 2-1; Dolinsek Gets Best Individual Marks

TAKING two games from the Fourth U.S. Marines in their own alleys last night, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. registered a second successive victory in the Shanghai Inter-Club Ten Pins League, thereby gaining a fine lead in the competition. Play was close all the way with the service men rallying strongly in the third string. The "Y" took the opening game through the efforts of Butler, who singled 212. In the second session both teams weakened, but the "Y" managed to emerge on top of a 785-778 score. Dolinsek, the Marine star, revealed fine form in the third string, scoring 224 to help his team to win over the home squad by a margin of 838-825.

At the American Club the home five bowled a fine game to defeat the Race Club also by a 2-1 score. The Americans took the first and third strings by comfortable margins while the visitors gained the second one with equal ease. Dolinsek scored the highest triple among the senior competitors, making 566. He also won singles honours with 224. Butler came in next, getting 558.

In the Maple Section of the "B" Division the Marine Blues and American Club Trojans continued to win and are tied for first place. Each won five games and lost one. The "Y" Luckies scored a 3-0 victory over the Columbia Country Club "Bears." Kohnert and Cochran were the two outstanding bowlers, getting 575 and 561 respectively. The latter scored the best singles of 233. The whole team totalled 2,628 which was much higher than the aggregate in the senior section.

"A" Division

U.S. MARINES

Brown	147	135	160	442
Messersmith	167	163	167	49
Flori	169	142	159	46
Williams	156	153	175	44
Dolinsek	187	185	224	566
	795	779	839	2,411

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A.

Gonsalves	138	153	175	466
Krause	147	145	126	41
Chanturai	153	154	169	476
Kleffel	165	177	170	51
Butler	212	156	190	55
	820	785	825	2,430

AMERICAN CLUB

Hartnett	135	130	146	411
Quinn	156	140	175	47
Klovekorn	142	137	223	49
Deegan	131	155	131	52
Lurton	167	162	169	52
	804	734	895	2,43

C.C.C. OAKS

Huebner	164	138	169	471
Stock	137	140	138	41
Gray	159	181	166	50
F. D. Nance	129	164	165	45
Squires	170	175	152	497
	739	798	807	2,344

"B" Division

MAPLE SECTION

Columbia C. Club (0) "Y" Luckies (3)	853	742	825	2,425
	913	881	834	2,628
S.R.C. Spares (0)	737	706	700	2,14
A. C. Trojans (3)	739	759	740	2,247
Marine Whites (1)	781	800	749	2,330
Marine Blues (2)	766	654	820	2,44

PINE SECTION

A. C. Tartars (2)	749	736	732	2,217
Marine Officers (1)	694	701	739	2,13
Swiss Club (1)	720	768	779	2,267
"Y" Flukes (2)	718	853	836	2,401

Warfare Not Stopping Sports in Germany

Large Programme to Be Carried Out

London, Feb. 1.

All the Scandinavian countries have received a letter from the German Sports leader, Herr von Tschammer and Osten, giving a long list of international sporting events that Germany claims to be staging during the first six months of 1940.

Football, handball, hockey, boxing, athletics, wrestling, swimming, cycling, lawn tennis, shooting, ski-ing, and fencing are all mentioned.—Reuter.

Hongkong Interport Rugby XV Chosen

Hongkong, Feb. 1.

The Hongkong rugby team which is to oppose Shanghai during the Chinese New Year holidays was selected tonight and leaves tomorrow for Shanghai. Contrary to expectations, Harold Bidwell, former Shanghai star, has found it possible to make the trip and will be wearing Hongkong colours. A. F. Walkden, veteran player, has been appointed captain and A. J. G. Taylor vice-captain.

The following men are to leave for Shanghai:

Jr. Henderson, D. I. Bosanquet, H. Vanleeuwen, H. D. Bidwell, J. Hutchison, J. C. Charter, J. M. Thomson, A. F. Walkden, K. W. Salter, P. F. Wanklyn, B. Hynes, C. F. Needham, G. C. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor, J. Redman, E. W. Stout.

The actual team that Hongkong will field against Shanghai will be picked at Shanghai, Hongkong is hoping that F. Cessford, who is in Shanghai at present, will be available for inclusion in the Hongkong team.—United Press.

Recs Football Team to Clash with P.T.H.

The Shanghai Recreation Club team to meet the P.T.H. in a reserve division football match this week-end will be composed of Mousasticoff, Lipkovsky, Greenberg, Kushnerenko, Zellinsky, Semnichenko, Brodd, Hart Baker, A. England, Ryan and Tebbutt. Reserves.—Wurm and Fensham.

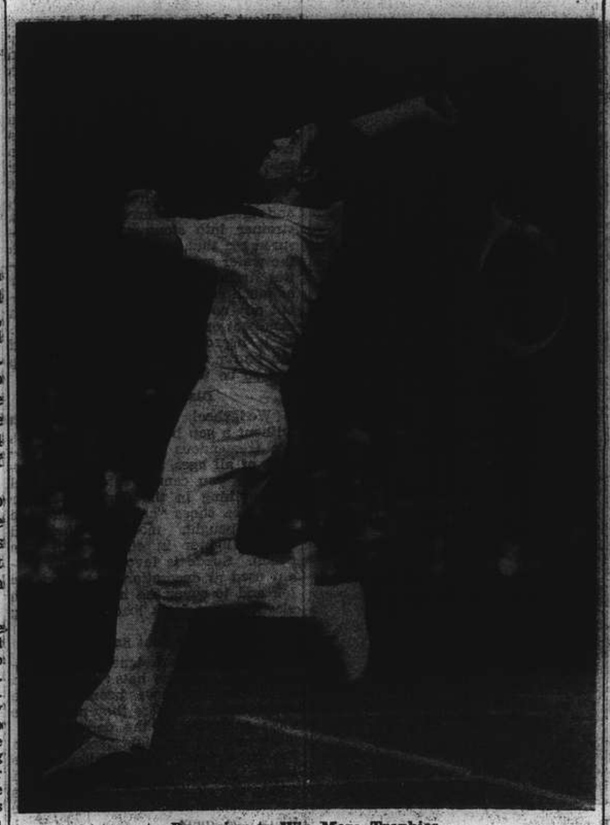
Basketball Tonight at Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Basketball in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. league tonight will consist of the following games:

7.15 p.m. Chain *v.* Wasps.
8.15 p.m. Moore *v.* Union.
9.15 p.m. USMC Whites *v.* Paramount.

The U.S.M.C. Whites Paramount game which was scheduled to have been played on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, was held over as noted above.

As the U.D. Club has withdrawn from the League, the Whites and the Paramount will use the time set for the U.D. Club, Wu Tsing game.



Preparing to Win More Trophies

Robert Riggs, Wimbledon and U.S. tennis singles champion in 1939, is reported to be practising hard for next season.

Hungjao Golf Club Starting Times

Specific Arrangements for Teeing Off Necessary

The following are the Starting Times drawn by balloting.

SATURDAY

1.40 Mackenzies/Forbes
1.12 Cheetham/Murray-Kidd.
1.16 Laffond/Baudez/Jensen/Watson
1.16 Laffond/Baudez/Jensen/Watson
1.24 Stent/Hunt/Prytherch/Merrill
1.32 Captain's Time/Blackwod/Bates
1.40 Yackenzies/Forbes
1.44 Beith/Nazer/Pollock/Gibbings
1.48 Graham/Maclean and Company
1.52 W. J. Hawkings/Farnsworth.
1.56 Reynell/Mann/Watson/McGolrick
2.00 Henderson/Beveridge
2.04 Andrews/Keswick/Gordon
2.08 Macgregor/MacDonald / Crokam/Way
2.12 Rigden/Andrews/Munros
2.20 Stephenson/Bond/Arnold
2.32 C. C. King/Bichard

SUNDAY

8.48 King/Robinson/Jensen/Munro
8.56 Reynell/Gordon/Andrews/Ovadia
9.08 Gordon/Riggs/Hawkins/Laffond
9.16 C. King/Banham/Beith/Gibbings
9.28 Murray-Kidd/Bichard/Captain
9.36 Wood/Hawkings / Campbell / A. Cumming
9.48 K. M. Cumming/Innes
9.52 Maclean/Watson/Nazer/Harrison
10.04 Kearton/Crokam/Carter /Stephenson
10.12 Terrace/Wood/Smith / Graham/Taunton
10.36 Way/Quick/MacEwan/Middleton
10.52 Bowlters/Hind/Jones/Sheridans

On the forenoons of Sundays and holidays every fifth time is kept free for bookings on arrival at the club-house.

When members do not require the starting time allotted to them, they must inform the Secretary as soon as possible—or, on the day, the Gear Boy—so that the time may be free for other players. Non-observation of this request will mean that the offenders' applications for starting times. The next week-end will be given times when all other applications have been drawn for.

Only 2-ball Matches may be played before 10 o'clock on the mornings of Sundays and holidays.

Players are asked not to slow down the pace of the course by their leisurely methods of play. There are some 4-ball matches, several of them 'Mixed', who are consistant offenders, and if they continue to ignore the Committee's request to all players to speed up their play—especially on these short afternoons—their applications for Starting Times will not be drawn for but will be given times at the end of the draw.

Teeing Off Times at Seekingjao

The Shanghai Golf Club have arranged the following schedule of teeing off times for this week-end.

SATURDAY

12.56 Cooper, Evans
1.04 Kench, Denton/Jones, Parry
1.12 McDonald, Smith/Vice President
1.24 McCants, Jourdin/Brooks, Jensen
1.32 Drysdale, Miners
1.36 Isherwood, Bell/Piper, Brown
1.48 Smith, Appelboom
1.52 Wentworth, Mary (4 Ball)
1.56 Openshaw, Warburton/President
2.08 Drysdale, Malcolm
2.12 Gavin, McAllister (4 Ball)
2.16 Pearcy, Mrs. Wentworth

SUNDAY

9.04 Kench, Parkhill/Pratt, Tibble
9.12 Isherwood, Brown
9.16 MacFarlane, McCants
9.24 Piper, Fulstow
9.28 Clark, Drysdale/Appelboom, Bell
9.36 Brisk, Ross/Vice President
9.48 Brister, Widdup
9.52 Wentworth, Huggett/President
10.04 Farnsworth, Glass/Rigden, Mann
10.12 Chalmers, McCutcheon
10.16 Otorii, Uyama
10.32 Openshaw, Black
12.04 King, Sawyer

Chinese New Year Holidays

Booking for Shanghai Golf Club Starting Times on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday should reach the Secretary's Office by telephone or chit book before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 1940.

January Monthly Bogey

"A" CLASS

R. T. Dwyer	One Down
L. Saphiere	Two Down
A. Pratt	Six Down
J. M. Avent	Six Down

"B" CLASS

T. A. Cooper	One Down
E. Jacobs	Four Down
C. Appelboom	Four Down
W. Judd	Five Down
L. A. McCants	Five Down

Grand National Acceptances

Former Winners Included; Hazardous Chase to Be Run on April 5

London, Feb. 1.

The following are the first acceptances, with weights, for the Grand National, which will be run at Aintree, Liverpool on April 5:—

Royal Mail and Airgeadsios, 12 st., 1 lb; Royal Danielli, 11 st., 13 lbs.; The Professor III and The Uplifter, 11 st. 8 lbs.; Dunhill Castle, Rockquilla and Workman, 11 st. 5 lbs.; Red Prince, 11 st. 4 lbs.; Red Eagle and Jovial Judge, 11 st., 2 lbs.; Dominick Cross, 11 st., 1 lb.; Rudolph VI, Black Hawk and Kilstar, 11 st., 0 lb.; Away and Old Pal, 10 st., 13 lbs.; Timber Wolf, 10 st., 11 lbs.; Macmoffat and Hilhead Prince 10 st., 10 lbs.; John Chinaman, Knight's Brook and Milano, 10 st. 9 lbs.; Venturesome Knight, 10 st., 8 lbs.; Symaethis, Litigant and Lecygne, 10 st., 7 lbs.; Inveraible, 10 st., 6 lbs.; West Point, 10 st., 5 lbs.; Boyo, Chesterton, Talver Pacha, Bogskar and National Night, 10 st., 4 lbs.; Red Freeman, Underbid, Young Mischief, Gold Arrow, Prime Cordite, Luxborough, Easy Boots, Bally Fox and Tuckmill, 10 st., 3 lbs.

Worth £4,150

The Grand National will be worth £4,150 to the winner. The owner of the successful horse last March received £7,284, 10s.

It is a plate of £5,000 including a trophy worth £200. The second horse will received £500 and the third horse, £250. The entrance fee is £10. The trainer of the winner will receive a cup worth £50, and the rider of the winner a cup worth £25.

Horses eligible to compete are six-year-olds and upwards who, at the time of entry, have been placed first, second, or third by the judge in a steeplechase of three miles or upwards worth £80 to the winner, or the equivalent in foreign distances and money, or in a steeplechase worth £500 (or the equivalent in foreign money) to the winner (selling races in every case excepted).

Regulations

Riders must have won five steeplechases under the recognized rules of steeplechasing in any country to be qualified to ride.

Among other races to be run at the Liverpool Spring Meeting are the Liverpool Spring Cup, reduced in value from £1,000 to £500, the Earl of Sefton's Plate (£500), the Liverpool Hurdle Race (£500), the Stanley Steeplechase (£300), and the Becher Handicap Steeplechase (£300).—Reuter.

Finland Still Hopes To Hold Olympics

If Reds Can Be Defeated Games May be Held

Helsinki, Feb. 1.

"If we succeed in throwing back the enemy and if there still be justice in the world, we shall perhaps be permitted to hold the Olympic Games in spite of everything," said M. Miekkinen, secretary-general of the organizing committee of the Olympic Games, in a broadcast speech.

"For us these Games are the symbol of an ideal. For Finland was known as a nation of sport and a citadel of peace before the present circumstances arose."

The same hope was echoed in a resolution adopted by the American Athletic Union at a meeting at Hollywood.—Reuter.

Joe Louis Fights in Aid of Finland

Stockholm, Feb. 1.

Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion, is to hold two public training bouts, the proceeds of which will be given to Finland.—Reuter.

Aga Khan Disposes of Many Fine Mares

Stud Farm Near Bombay to Be Greatly Enriched

London, Feb. 1.

Stating: "These mares will be the foundation of an absolutely first-class stud, as each is perfectly bred," the Aga Khan has disposed of a number of his classic mares to a stud farm at Nanji, about 125 miles from Bombay.

The stud farm, which will be enlarged as necessity arises, is a new venture which Sir Sultan Chinoy has taken over with the Aga Khan's blessing.

It is generally expected that the Aga Khan's generous action will prove to be a landmark in the history of the rearing of thoroughbreds in India.

It is understood that among the mares offered by the Aga Khan are Colours Flying, Mariam, Gunhild, Sultaneh, Um Habiba, Miss Rustum, Zulaikhaa, Penang, Saraswati and La Citadelle.—Reuter.

Shanghai Ladies Hockey Team Selected

The Shanghai Ladies team for the forthcoming league-final hockey match *v.* the In Uno to be played off this tomorrow at 2.30 at the Race Course will comprise:—Miss B. Gordon: Mrs. B. Burns, Mrs. M. Rignall; Miss Ann McKeith, Miss E. A. Bloomfield (Capt.) Miss M. Eynon; Mrs. D. Barten, Miss D. Bloomfield, Mrs. J. McKeown, Miss K. Holt, Miss J. Burton. Reserves: Miss B. Mayes, Miss L. Poltere.

Police Soccer Team To Meet Lido

The S. M. Police team to meet Lido in a first division football match at the Canidrome on Sunday morning beginning at 10.30 a.m. will be composed of: W. Ward; H. K. Stangaard, E. Victal; F. W. Bader, N. Douglas, T. H. Crook; C. Chooklantzeff, P. McAloon, S. Greenberg, P. Duffy, R. Roliz. Reserves.—J. Lovell, and H. Oakley.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Mr. Ching; 2, State Lottery.
Also ran:—Impudence, Drummock Belle, Terminjay, Rocket.
½ length.—Time, 19.14.
Win, $13.90. Forecast 4-6 Div. $78.60.
Place, 1st $8.90; 2nd $10.70.

2—300 yd. flat.—1, Snow Dale; 2, Queen O'Sheba.
Also ran:—Woosung, Fearless Foe, Red Terror, Luhai Lily.
4 lengths.—Time, 18.38.
Win, $7. Forecast 6-5 Div. $56.80.
Place, 1st $5.80; 2nd $10.90.
Double Event 1/2 4-6 Div. $15.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Big Shot; 2, Bowsterman.
Also ran:—General, Actor, Maid of Honour, Silvoreen.
Win, $28.40. Forecast 2-4 Div. $200.90.
A head.—Time, 27.64.
Place, 1st $19.70; 2nd $21.80.
Double Event 2/3 6-2 Div. $23.30.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Five Stars II; 2, Pokerlaw.
Also ran:—Our Best, Wild Wind, Dairymaid, Bowster Boy.
2½ lengths.—Time, 31.71.
Win, $8.70. Forecast 6-3 Div. $31.
Place, 1st $5.60; 2nd $10.50.
Double Event 3/4 2-6 Div. $43.90.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Fair Clara, Ah Liang, D.H.
Also ran:—Apollo II, Performance, Speedwing, Jack O'Lantern.
Dead heat.—Time, 31.76.
Win, $13.10, $7.60. Forecast 4-6, 6-4 Div. $56.90, $47.10.
Place, 1st $16.10; 2nd $8.60.
Double Event 4/5 6-4, 6-6 Div. $14.60, $5.40.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Eumaeus; 2, Maggie Dale.
Also ran:—Chihli Blue Bird, Sweet Moon, Erin Hero, Speed Cop.
7 lengths.—Time, 30.73.
Win, $6.10. Forecast 6-5 Div. $27.70.
Place, 1st $6.30; 2nd $7.60.
Double Event 5/6 4-6, 6-6 Div. $24.90, $5.20.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Feeling Fine; 2, So Peaceful.
Also ran:—Don't Fret, Chez Moi, Flash Vixen, Buckhurst Hill.
1 length.—Time, 31.21.
Win, $20. Forecast 1-4 Div. $131.80.
Place, 1st $13.60; 2nd $14.
Double Event 6/7 6-4 Div. $16.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Chez Marcel; 2, Brigand.
Also ran:—Blue Troy, Woodstock Rose, Mr. Chips, Fresh Brew.
1 length.—Time, 31.38.
Win, $45.10. Forecast 2-5 Div. $227.80.
Place, 1st $26.60; 2nd $8.30.
Double Event 7/8 1-2 Div. $60.70.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Chihli Gazelle; 2, Buffalo Bill.
Short head.—Time, 30.81.
Win, $51.10. Forecast 4-6 Div. $125.30.
Place, 1st $17.20; 2nd $10.10.
Double Event 8/9 2-4 Div. $277.10.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Merry Widow; 2, Grand Slam.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.73.
Win, $9.90. Forecast 3-2 Div. $74.20.
Place, 1st $7.10; 2nd $18.60.
Double 9/10 4-3 Div. $30.40.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Shanghai Life; 2, Scented Bloom.
1 length.—Time, 30.71.
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Major Battle Developing in Kwangsi Province

Japanese Launch Big Clean-up Drive; Chinese Prepared for Move; Fighting in Suiyuan

Canton, Feb. 1.

A "DECISIVE" campaign on a scale unprecedented in south China" was launched by Japanese forces in south-eastern Kwangsi on Sunday, the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China announced in a communique today.

Crossing the West River near Wingshun, 60 kilometres east-south-east of Nanning on Tuesday, Japanese forces had turned the left Chinese wing "to complete their encirclement of the main force of 24 Chinese divisions massed in the mountains north-east of Nanning", the announcement stated.

Meanwhile, success had also been achieved on all other sectors by the Japanese forces engaged in this offensive, the communique asserted.

The purpose of the Japanese operation, the announcement declared, was to "engage in combat Chinese troops still offering resistance, particularly Central Army forces, so as to annihilate them in order completely to frustrate large-scale Chinese attempts to recapture Nanning."

Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, the communiqué added, had concentrated Central, Kwangsi, and Szechuen divisions in the areas north-east of Nanning to recapture the Kwangsi city. Japanese forces had remained inactive for one month until Sunday when "powerful, elite troops" launched a general offensive, the announcement stated.—Domei.

Big Battle Expected

Chungking, Feb. 1.

The possibility of an early outbreak of major fighting in the Nanning area was expressed by the Chinese military spokesman today in the course of an interview on the Sino-Japanese military situation.

The Japanese, he said, were pouring reinforcements into south Kwangsi, with the result that the Japanese forces now massed between the sea coast and Nanning totalled three and a half divisions.

Part of the Japanese forces on the highway north-east of Nanning, the spokesman continued, were presently moving eastward, apparently with the idea of executing a flanking movement against the Chinese troops advancing towards Nanning from Pingyang.

In reply to a question, the spokesman said there were no Japanese troops at present at Lungchow, near the French Indo-China border north of Chengnankwan.

Referring to the fighting in west Suiyuan, he stated that the Chinese forces at Wuyuan were meeting the Japanese offensive with counter-attacks. One Chinese column, he asserted, was facing the Japanese on the highway east of Wuyuan, while another column was advancing on Paotow from the north-west.

Chinese units on the south bank of the Yellow River are said to be engaging a Japanese column which crossed the Yellow River recently.

Chinese Resist

Further Chinese reports of the fighting in West Suiyuan province indicate that the Japanese are pushing westward in three columns and are converging on Wuyuan, north of the Yellow River bend, which is the base of Chinese forces operating in west Suiyuan.

A Japanese column which crossed the Yellow River is reported to be pushing along the south bank and is at present engaged by Chinese forces in the vicinity of Chaojenwan.

Another Japanese column is reported to be moving along the north bank of the Yellow River on the highway from Patow, towards Wuyuan. This column, according to Chinese reports, is at present engaged by Chinese forces in the Wula Mountains.

A third Japanese column is reported to be attempting to cross the Lanshan mountains, north of Wuyuan, trying to encircle Wuyuan from the rear.—Reuter.

Hupeh Stragglers Trapped

Hankow, Feb. 1.

Mopping-up operations of four Japanese detachments against several thousand Chinese stragglers in the mountainous region north of Kingshan, in central Hupeh north of the Yangtze, were making satisfactory progress, it was learned here last night.

All the stragglers were encircled by the Japanese cordon and their complete defeat was expected shortly, according to Japanese army authorities.—Domei.

Chinese Losses Near Hangchow

Hangchow, Feb. 1.

Chinese forces lost 1,599 slain in engagements during January in the Hangchow area, the Japanese garrison headquarters here announced last night.

Including operations on January 22 in eastern Chekiang, crossing of the Chientang River, and several battles in the triangular area embracing Hangchow, Kashing and Huchow, the Japanese army had 78 engagements with a total of 28,515 Chinese troops, the garrison announcement stated.—Domei.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has voted a grant of $2,000,000 for the relief of Chinese refugees in the war-torn areas in North Kwangtung, says a Shaokwan message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Kwangtung Provincial Bank, the report adds, is also making preparations to extend an additional relief loan amounting to $4,000,000.

British Seeking Solution

Close Attention Paid to Japanese Feelings Over Asama Maru Affair

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Belief that the British Government was making preparations for a speedy settlement of the Asama Maru incident was expressed today to members of the House of Representatives by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister.

After completing his address on foreign affairs in the lower chamber, Mr. Arita gave details of negotiations which Japan was conducting with the British Government.

"The British Government," he told members of the lower house, "appears to be paying close attention to the fact that the incident has roused the feeling of the Japanese nation and the Japanese Government.

Broad Point of View

"Parallel with juridical arguments, the British Government is making strenuous efforts for a speedy settlement of the dispute from a broad point of view and in consideration of relations between Japan and Britain."

Since the outbreak of the European war, he said, belligerent countries had imposed extreme restrictions and impediments upon trade of neutral merchantmen. This, he declared, had resulted in the frequent halting and examination of neutral shipping.

European waters, he said, were the scenes of these incidents and East Asia had witnessed no such trouble until the Asama Maru incident.

Not only did this incident happen in the Pacific, he declared, but in home waters. This fact, together with the forcible action of the warship against a neutral vessel going from one neutral country to another, naturally aroused the indignation of the nation, Mr. Arita said.

Tokyo's Counter-reply

Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, this afternoon handed Sir Robert L. Craigie, British Ambassador, the Japanese reply to the British Government's note of January 27 answering the Japanese protest over the seizure of 21 German passengers of the mv. Asama Maru by the British Navy on January 21.—Domei.

Ball to Help French War Charities

Affair Being Held at French Club on February 29

In aid of French war funds for the benefit of the French fighting forces, a grand ball is being organized by the Committee of the Cercle Sportif Français and will be held at the French Club on Thursday, February 29, at 9.30 p.m.

The ball, which promises to be the most important social function of the season, will be under the immediate patronage of the French Ambassador and Mme. Cosme, the British Ambassador and Lady Clark Kerr and the Polish Chargé d'Affaires and Mme. Stanislas de Rosset, assisted by a substantial sum being realized to send direct to Paris for the assistance of the men of the French Army, Navv and Air Force.

Suitable entertainment is being arranged and a special souvenir programme in keeping with the occasion will be printed. The Club will be decorated with the French Colours and the flags of the allied nations.

In view of the fact that most national societies are not holding their usual celebrations this year it is felt that debutantes would welcome the opportunity of being presented at this ball. Young ladies who are debutantes of the 1940 Season and who would like to be presented, are requested to send in their names to the Secretary, Cercle Sportif Français, Route Cardinal Mercier.

In connection with the ball there will be a raffle to which many valuable prizes have been generously donated. A further announcement in regard to patrons, tickets and reservations will be made in a few days' time.

St. Tichon's Ball to Be Held Tonight

Distinguished Guests to Attend Big Social Event

Under the distinguished patronage of M. M. Baudez, French Consul-General, Brigadier General E. B. Macnaghten, Lady Maze, Lady R. Calder Marshall, Mme. G. W. Boissevain, and many other prominent personalities in the Shanghai social world, the grande soirée in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage will take place at the Arcadia tonight.

Present at the function, which promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the present season, will be over 400 guests including representatives of the British, French, American, Italian and Netherlands Embassies and Consulates. There are many attractions at the ball including a raffle, tombola and a novel voting contest for the most popular girl and gentleman at the affair.

Valuable prizes, which will be awarded, include two beautiful dreses, a jade necklace, a pearl necklace, and some very interesting tombola prizes. In addition there are several dancing interludes in the programme in which several well-known young ladies in Shanghai will take part.

China Prepares Her Tanks for Battle

A group of new tanks received by the Chinese Army are seen at their base in Kulungkwan, Kwangsi. This is one of the first pictures to be received in Shanghai of these powerful weapons of war, many of which have arrived at various Chinese bases. These tanks are of the heavy type, particularly favoured by the Russian Army. They are able to travel at fast speeds and are well-armed.

Japanese Claim Chinese Lost 3,000,000 Men in War

War Minister Outlines Progress of Hostilities In Speech to Diet; Soviet Blamed Over Border

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Chinese armies had suffered losses estimated at 3,000,000 men in the conflict which exploded over the length and breadth of China from the spark touched off in the initial trivial clash at the Marco Polo Bridge on the outskirts of Peiping two and a half years ago, Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minister, told the Diet today.

In his speech reviewing the war situation Gen. Hata said that to date Japanese forces had occupied Chinese territory two and a half times as large as the Japanese Empire.

Now the fighting power of Chinese armies was reduced to a level only one-fourth of what it had been in the first stage of hostilities, the War Minister declared.

Scanning operations during the past year Gen. Hata pointed out that Chinese forces had launched three offensives—in April, July and September, "apparently prompted by a desire to invigorate their morale and also to demonstrate to pro-Chiang Kai-shek foreign Powers that the Kuomintang armies still possessed fighting power."

Offensives Fail

But those offensives, which failed to emerge from a stage of large-scale guerilla warfare, collapsed on all fronts before vigorous Japanese counter-attacks, the War Minister stated.

Following those three abortive drives, the Chinese armies attempted a so-called winter offensive in December.

This shared the fate of the April July and September "pushes," according to Gen. Hata, who asserted that the latest Chinese attacks were being broken on all fronts, though sporadic activities still were maintained by the Chinese in some sectors.

Reviewing the Nomonhan incident—the term used to designate fighting between Japanese-Manchoukuo and Soviet-Mongolian troops from May to September of last year—the War Minister said negotiations between representatives of Japan and Russia on the scene progressed satisfactorily following the conclusion of a truce agreement on September 16. The border region between Manchoukuo and Outer Mongolia was quiet at the present time, he added.

Gen. Hata pointed out, however, that "considerable difficulty" was envisaged in connection with frontier demarcation.

Soviet Blamed

Referring to the "scores" of incidents which took place along other parts of the border as a consequence of the Soviet Union's "unwarranted" actions, Gen. Hata said the situation did not permit Japan to relax vigilance over Russia and Outer Mongolia. The Kwantung Army was patrolling the border with the utmost watchfulness, he added.

Describing Japanese operations in the Nanning region, the War Minister continued:

"In order to cut the south-western supply routes upon which the Chinese troops depended as their last mainstay, and thus deal a fatal blow to the anti-Japanese regime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, the Japanese forces, in close co-operation with naval units, effected a surprise landing under fire from Chinese troops in the vicinity of Yamchow Bay on the coast of Pakhoi before daybreak on November 15 last year.

"Following the capture of Fangcheng and Yamchow in rapid succession and the defeat of Chinese troops in their path, Japanese army vanguards entered the walled city of Nanning at 1 o'clock on November 24.

Scorched Earth Frustrated

"Thus only 10 days after the landing on the coast of Pakhoi the Japanese army forces hoisted the Rising Sun flag in the interior of Kwangsi, and the 'scorched earth' tactics of Gen. Li Tsung-jen and Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, Kwangsi military leaders, were frustrated in the twinkling of an eye before the lightning Japanese onslaughts.

"Later the Japanese forces on December 21 last year dispatched an expedition far away to Lungchow and Chennankwan on the French Indo-China border.

"Capturing large assortments of such military supplies as arms, ammunition and gasoline, they accomplished their mission by cutting the largest supply routes to anti-Japanese China.

Navy's Share

In his address to the Diet, Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida, Navy Minister, declared that the Japanese navy was applying "strong pressure to the entire coast of China some 2,000 miles long with the result that the Chungking Government is now unable to utilize a single port in China."

Reviewing the activities of the Japanese Naval airforce in China, the Minister of Navy said that all important Chinese military bases in the interior were being visited and destroyed by Japanese naval aircraft. These bases, he said, included Chungking, Chengtu, Kunming, Mengtze, Langchow and Sian.—Domei.

Danish Naval-Building

Copenhagen, Feb. 1.

The Minister of Defence has announced a new naval-building programme which will include two minesweepers, two torpedo-boats, one submarine and smaller vessels. The Fleet Air Arm will be strengthened. One hundred anti-aircraft guns will be acquired.—Reuter.

Pigeons Said Used by Nazi Spies

Control of Homing Birds In S. Africa

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London, Feb. 1.

All racing pigeons in South Africa have been counted and listed, and all homing pigeon societies have been asked to supply lists of members, and to state the number of birds owned.

This action forms part of an investigation into reports to the effect that pigeons are being used by Nazi agents, to carry information out of the country.

These reports have suggested the existence of a Nazi spy ring in Portuguese East Africa, which is engaged in obtaining information in the Union.

Watch is also being kept on the importation of birds. Police authorities are said recently to have confiscated a crate of homing pigeons consigned to a religious order.

A vigilant eye is kept on persons in the Union who are suspected of being Nazi agents.—Reuter.

Robbery Thwarted; One Arrested

Chinese police constable 2203, attached to the Chengtu Road Station, challenged four would-be robbers shortly before Wednesday midnight in Chinhai Road, near Love Lane, as they were about to go through the pockets of a Chinese pedestrian. The policeman's quick action caused the bandits to abandon their purpose and seek to escape.

The constable managed to seize one of the men, while the others fled. No shots were fired.

The arrested man was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday morning.

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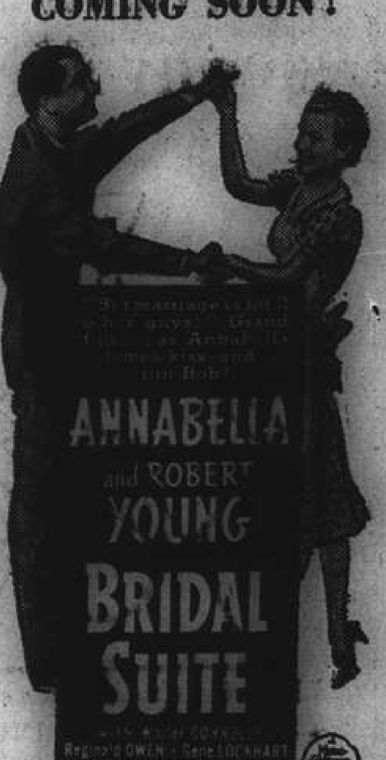

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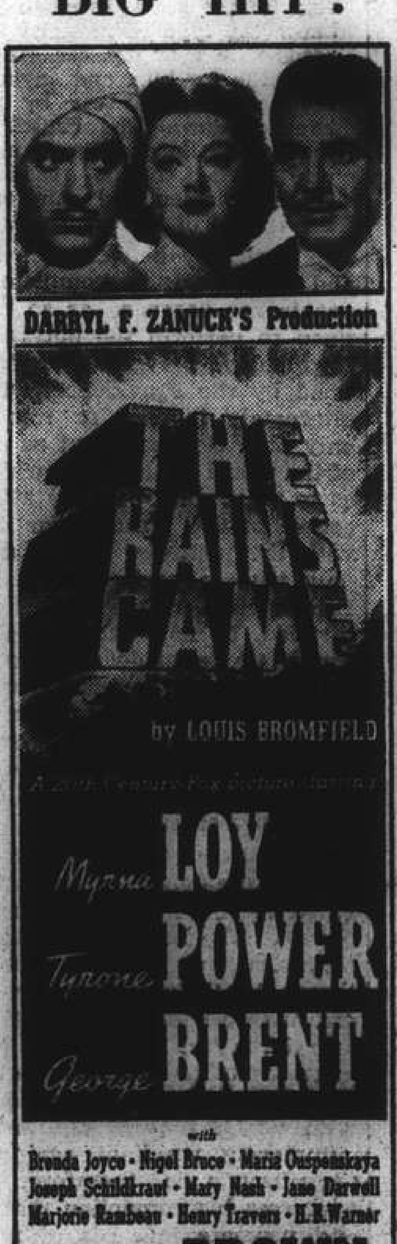

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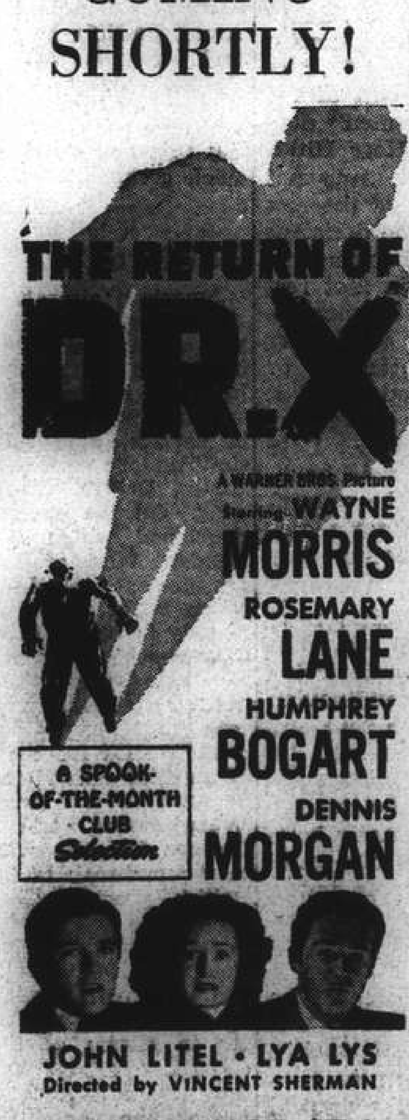

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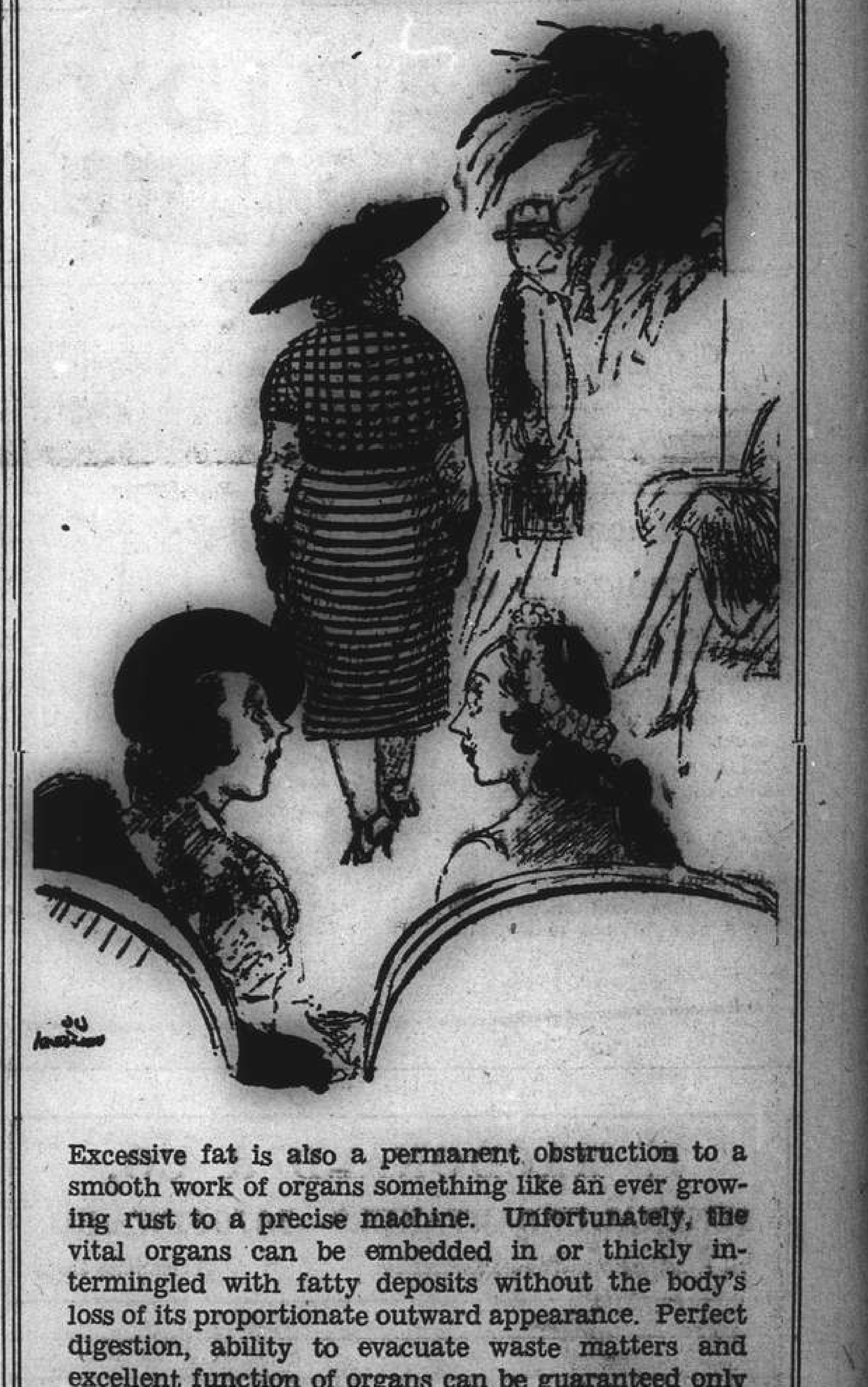

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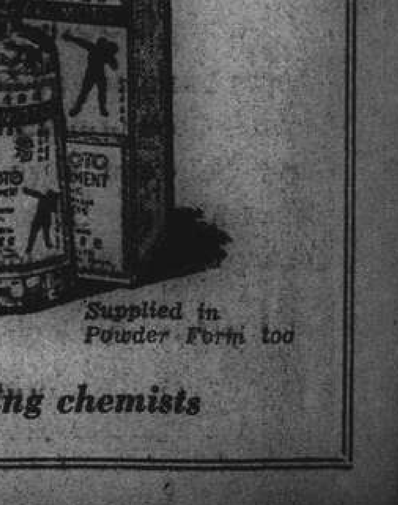

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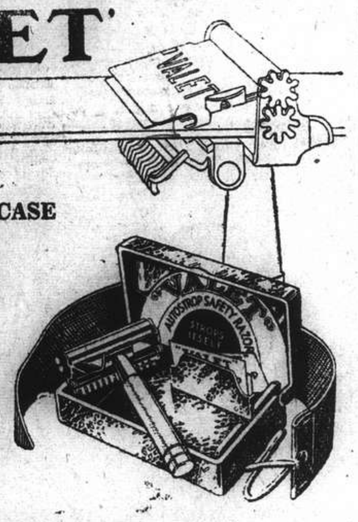

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BIRTH

HEWLETT-SMITH.—On February 1, 1940 at St. Marie's Hospital, Shanghai, to Phyllis Audrey, wife of A. Hewlett-Smith a son, PETER BRIAN. -1907

ENGAGEMENT

FRETWELL—LANGFORD.—A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between VICTOR VAUSE WINSER, only son of Mrs. Flora Fretwell and the late Captain W. Fretwell, and PHYLLIS MARY, only daughter of Commander G. F. Langford, R.A.N. and Mrs. Langford, of Sydney, N.S.W. 10610

DEATH

ANDREWS.—On January 24, 1940, in London, Rev. CHARLES W. ANDREWS, B.A., D.D., formerly a General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, 24 Bishopsgate, London; then resident in Shanghai until the hostilities of 1937 with his daughter, Dr. Mary Andrews, and a member of the Union Church in Shanghai. (By cable.) (Hongkong papers please copy.) -1929

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of EDWARD H. MUNSON, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who passed away in the early morning of December 24, 1939, at Kunming will be held in the Community Church of Shanghai, 53 Avenue Petain, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 3. It is specially requested that no flowers, scrolls or wreaths be sent. Instead, friends will be given opportunity in the near future to participate in a memorial fund. Mr. Munson was three times Master of Foochow Lodge 1912 English Constitution and Masonic friends will be welcome. -1930

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. F. POUET and DAUGHTER wish to thank all their friends for the messages of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers sent during their recent sad bereavement. -1936

Mr. N. H. LACEY and FAMILY thank all friends for the sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement, and for flowers and donations to charities sent in memory of the late Mrs. N. H. Lacey. 10608

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

THE NEUTRALS

Mr. Chamberlain, in his speech at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Wednesday, made an important point when he emphasized that while the Allies did not question the right of neutrals to decide whether they would come into this present conflict or not, the former did ask them to consider that, though, in the exercise of belligerent rights, action might be taken which causes them inconvenience, the Allies had never sunk a neutral ship and never wittingly sacrificed a neutral life. On the other hand Germany threatens the existence of states which are too small, too weak, or too near to defy them. Mr. Lloyd George in his famous speech of September 19, 1914, put the matter rather more forcefully when he described the Junker :—

You know his pretensions. He gives himself the airs of a demi-god walking the pavement—civilians and their wives swept into the gutter; they have no right to stand in the way of the great Prussian Junker.....You know the type of motorist the terror of the roads with a 60 h.p. car. He thinks the roads are made for him, and anybody who impedes the action of his car by a single mile is knocked down. The Prussian Junker is the roadhog of Europe. Small nationalities in his way hurled to the roadside, bleeding and broken, women and children crushed under the wheels of his cruel car.

The similarity between the Prussian Junker and the Nazi is complete. The German people are regarded as so much cattle destined to perform the outrageous will of the Nazi party, the group of "super-men" destined by the Providence, which Herr Hitler alternately invokes or rejects, to rule not only over Germany, but as much of the rest of the world as they can grab. The decisions as to what shall be their attitude during the course of the present war does in fact rest with the neutrals, though that statement is only true in part. It also rests with Herr Hitler whether they shall be attacked or invaded, or not, and that decision when it comes to be made will not be altered by any dictates of humanity or decency. Herr Hitler will decide if and when the neighbouring states are to be involved in the present struggle; they will have reserved for themselves only the decision as to whether they will resist or submit.

As matters stand today the neutrals most nearly threatened at the moment are prepared to resist any attempts upon their integrity. The Lowlands and the Scandinavian countries have made it quite plain that any threat to their national existence will be met with all the forces at their disposal, for they have had before their eyes the manner in which other neighbours of Germany have been laid low with a ruthlessness compared with which that of the last war is but a glimmering rushlight against the sun. Mr. Chamberlain is, therefore, right when he expresses his conviction that the sentiments, and ultimate interests of neutrals must be on the side of those who are trying to uphold the rights of nations and individuals to live lives free from fear of aggression or persecution. It is but natural that the neutral countries of Europe should desire to keep out of this struggle as long as possible. They will not be criticized for having such a wish, for it does not matter how much the chauvinist may seek to glorify war; the fact is that mankind desires peace and will go to great lengths to secure it. The conclusion is unavoidable, however, that in the issue of present hostilities the smaller neutrals have a very keen and close interest. For them a defeat of the Allies will be just as mortal a blow as it would be to Great Britain and France. With the elimination of the opposition of those two countries, what guarantee have they, what guarantee has Italy itself, that they will not be overrun and subjected to the vast European hegemony of which the Nazi leaders have been dreaming these last seven years? From this it will be seen that the traditional policy of Great Britain in maintaining the balance of power in Europe has been the main factor which has secured to the smaller nations that peace and security which came to them with the end of the Napoleonic campaigns. That policy has been a benevolent one, and when it was menaced by the betrayal of Munich then there was only one thing to do, and that to meet and destroy the threat which the existence of the Nazi government means to European civilization.

A victorious Germany has nothing to offer in place of the present civilization, but Teutonic dominion, reducing all the rest of the European nations to a state of political, industrial and economic servitude, that selfsame servitude to which the Austrians, the Czechs, Slovaks and the Poles have been reduced, and in which their faces are being ground into the mire under the jackboot of present day Nazi militarism. An Allied victory means the continuation of that individual and political freedom which the democracies have acquired during long centuries of struggle, that Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland shall be allowed to continue to work out their own destinies unhampered by the continual fear of attack, and confident in the good faith of the victorious Allies. Hence the determination of Great Britain and France, to quote Mr. Chamberlain's own words, to "fight on until freedom which has been outraged comes into its own again, until friend and enemy can sit down and build a happier and safer world." The assistance of the enemy will be welcomed in such a task, but it will have to be a very different enemy from what it is at the present. It will need to be a chastened Germany, bereft of the evil men who are at present controlling its destinies, a Germany in which it will be possible to place reliance, which can be trusted, and which will be ready to play that part amongst the nations which is its due. That is not the part of a dominant Power, but of a partnership with the other nations of Europe. There has been much talk of a federal union of European states, with the United States as a model. Such an ideal may never be attained, for the factors operating against it are so many and so insuperable that it would pass the wit of man to overcome them. But something better than has existed these twenty odd years will have to be devised, for, if it is not, Europe will continue to live in the shadow of suspicion, and dread, which in the past has been so productive of evil. That can only be prevented by the defeat of Germany. To that end all the energies of the Allies are being devoted, and their victory, and their victory alone, will ensure that the European neutrals will be able to face the future satisfied that it contains no more terrors for them.

Binoculars Wanted

On January 20 of this year, there was published in the correspondence columns of this journal a letter from MR. P. W. MASSEY, in which he embodied an appeal written by Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, inviting possessors of good binoculars to part with them for the national good. Mr. Massey was, and is prepared to receive binoculars, pack them and forward them to Britain. Mr. Burgin was not asking those to whom he appealed to give their glasses, but stated that the Government would pay a reasonable price for them, and Mr. Massey on his part in Shanghai offered to pass on to owners whatever remittances were received from the Government. It has to be emphasized that while the gift of binoculars would be most welcome, the Government wishes to purchase as many field glasses as possible to meet the needs of the rapidly expanding British Army. The need is an urgent one, and it is to be regretted that up to the present the response to the appeal in Shanghai has been most disappointing. There must be amongst the many Britons living in China who read that appeal, many who are in possession of at least one pair of good binoculars. The sporting nature of the community justifies such a belief, and it is thought that the great necessity for them to place those instruments at the disposal of the Government has only again to be emphasized to obtain a better response than has been received up to the present. The type of glasses wanted is briefly described by Mr. Burgin in his letter to "The Times":—

> A prism binocular of the type made by Ross and Zeiss having a Magnification of 6-8 diameters in a leather case.

Of this type there must be many owned by Britons in China. They are badly needed for the growing armies. The British Government is prepared to pay a reasonable price for them and it will be a sad reproach to Britons if they hold back from giving this greatly needed assistance to the Government in such an hour as this. The position cannot be more plainly stated than that ownership of this type of glass by Britons in China, merely for the purpose of watching sporting events, when they are wanted by men fighting the battles of the Allies, cannot possibly be excused. This is not an appeal for gifts, but an exhortation to a very obvious duty, and it is to be hoped that the poorness of the response to this request shown up to the present will very shortly be remedied, and that binoculars will be coming forward in much greater quantities.

Battle of the Types

American aircraft factories are lending substantial assistance to the air plans of the Allies and an increasing supply of machines is flowing across the Atlantic to Britain and France. In some respects, these new acquisitions are an improvement on existing type of machines in service, but it is incorrect to infer that simultaneous with purchases from the United States, British and French production is lagging. On the contrary, new types are being developed which excell in performance and standard most of the American machines and the present Allied demand to American factories is for faster and better types than are already being built. Naturally, the United States Government must retain for its own purposes the best types of American machines as a matter of national defence, and therefore the Allies are only able to rely on American factories for the supply of a general type of machine needed to make good the deficiency in strength and numbers resulting from the overwhelming and superior production of German factories over a number of years prior to the outbreak of hostilities. An indication of British productivity is the introduction into service of the new Spitfire, with which the latest Royal Air Force squadrons are being equipped. Details of its performance are, naturally, a secret but this type is said to possess a speed, manœuvrability and range of action far in excess of the new German Messerschmidt. It is twin-engined, similar to the new Messerschmidt, and its longe range pushes the air battlefront far from British shores, and makes it the ideal machine for distant raids on Germany while at the same time strengthening British defences against German raiders. The relative inaction of the belligerents since the commencement of the war, and the respite provided by the hesitancy to attack, have enabled British aircraft factories to place this and other types into mass production, and the situation regarding Britain's air resources is now extremely favourable and will continue to improve as time passes.

IN PARENTHESIS

Wrong Purpose

THE new maid was really very raw. Her mistress had been given a beautiful tea-cosy, which she handed to the maid with instructions to use it when she served the tea.

That afternoon there were some friends at tea, and to their astonishment—and amusement—Mary brought in the tea things wearing the beautiful tea-cosy on her head.

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Snapshots

HIGHWAY police in Utah (U.S.A.) are equipped with small motion picture cameras to take pictures of any person jeopardizing highway safety. Many of the films taken are of motorists suspected of drunkenness.

Of the cases so photographed, about 90 per cent. plead guilty when they have looked at the films. Of the remaining 10 per cent., three-quarters of the number are convicted when the jury sees the films, says the "Autocar."

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Mis-information

"EDITOR and Publisher" reports that a telegraph operator on the Akron "Beacon-Journal" posted this "bulletin" in that paper's office: "New York. Sept. 12.—A British radio broadcast received here early today said that a Russian broadcast intercepted in London stated that a Polish broadcast heard there made the assertion that a French wireless message picked up there said that the German offensive is broken on the line of the River Bug in Poland."

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Ubiquitous

AND then there is that story of Weiss Ferdl, one of Germany's outstanding music-hall and radio comedians who, in a Munich appearance some months ago, told his audience that the elections had given Herr Hitler a 99 per cent. majority.

"Just imagine," he continued, "99 persons out of 100 have voted for our Fuehrer while only one was against him. The only thing I can say about it is that whenever I talk to someone on the street, I always seem to be running into the one per cent."

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Rendezvous

HE was a German manufacturer, out for business in Holland, and very, very sure of himself.

At the railway station he met a Netherlands business acquaintance. Walking across to him, he raised his hand in the Nazi salute and cried, "Heil Hitler!"

He received no reply and repeated the salutation, but with the same result.

"Why don't you respond to my salute?" he asked. "You know Hitler is coming to Holland soon."

"Yes," said the Dutchman, puffing stolidly at his pipe, "We've got your Kaiser here, too"

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 37.0	Max. 41.0
Same date, 1939	Min. 40.0	Max. 48.0

Rainfall .48

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 38.1	Max. 42.1
Same date, 1939	Min. 39.2	Max. 47.8

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 31st:—Normal and rather steady pressure over China and Japan. Regular monsoon along the China Coast. Cloudy and cold weather in China.

State on the morning of the 1st:—Overcast and cold weather with light rain. Fresh east-north-easterly wind. Normal and unsteady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cold weather with snow and strong northerly to north-westerly winds around Shantung. Overcast and cold with sleet or rain and strong north-easterly winds over our regions. Cyclonic circulation with rain over the Eastern Sea, owing to a depression passing east-north-eastward.—Siccawei Observatory.

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A COUNTRY DIARY

Weihaiwei, Jan. 19.—Snow is falling rapidly while the oldest inhabitant, swathed in padded garments, chuckles to himself and mutters the Chinese equivalent of "I told you so." I take the dogs out in the evening during the last hour of daylight and wonder to myself if anyone can think of something new to add to the time-worn phrases which describe the magic of gently-falling snow....the bare and mutilated trees converted into things of beauty, and even the cold hard rocks on the icy seashore changed into slabs of sparkling sugar-candy. And it is while I am walking along this snowbound seashore that the puppy known as "Shamus" distinguishes himself. I have noticed recently while walking him by the sea that he has acquired a habit peculiar to all young and ignorant creatures who are in search of knowledge: he will not believe what he sees and hears, and is eternally asking the question "Why?": he has discovered by experiment that the sea tastes salt but he thinks with all the arrogance of youth that there is something wrong somewhere: so, whenever he approaches the sea (even in a snowstorm) he wades in knee-deep, or about three inches, and laps up a little water....then shakes his head and spits it out, to return to me with a puzzled look as if he would say, "Misterrr, there's somethin' wrang aboot yon drenkin' pool" (I may have got his accent wrong, but he comes from Aberdeen). And I can understand his point of view, for I well remember a similar situation arising in the case of an old nurse of mine—some fifty years ago, when we were very young: she was a fresh country girl who had never seen the sea (no rarity in pre-motor days) and would not believe that it was salt until we gave her a toy bucketful to drink—with disastrous results. And so a small Scotty pup carries me back to a Yorkshire beach through half a century of time....and reminds me that "the more things change the more they are the same" (I forget the French for it).

Japanese Independent Standpoint Stressed

Mr. Arita Reveals Foreign Policy of New Cabinet; Wang Regime in China to Be Helped; U.S. Treaty Position Deplored

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

AT a new session in the House of Peers this morning, the Japanese Premier, Admiral M. Yonai, outlined general policies, Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, then delivered a lengthy speech on Japanese relations with the world, without disclosing any new concrete policies for the future.

Speeches by the Ministers for War and the Navy followed. The new session of the Lower House began this afternoon, when similar speeches were made.—Reuter.

Mr. Arita said:

"I am particularly glad to have this opportunity of speaking about Japan's foreign policy and international relations before the Diet, for this year marks the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of our empire.

"It is unnecessary to say that the key to Japan's foreign policy lies in the large spirit wherein our empire was founded. It aims first at stabilizing East Asia, after which every effort must be made to bring about peace based upon international justice.

"In pursuance of this fundamental policy the Japanese Government are doing everything in their power to settle the China Affair and to adjust international relations from an independent standpoint of their own. As is well known, our basic policy for settlement of the China Affair is to join forces with new China, which shall be purged of all anti-Japanese and pro-Comintern influences; to unite with her in the common purpose of establishing a new order in East Asia and to realize neighbourly amity, common defence against the Comintern, and full economic co-operation.

To Assist New Regime

"It is a source of profound satisfaction to both countries that the so-called peace and national salvation movement is now well under way and that a central Chinese government under the leadership of Mr. Wang Ching-wei is to be established in the near future. With regard to our attitude towards the proposed new government, we intend to continue the declared policy of the previous Cabinet. That is to say, we shall do all in our power to assist its formation and growth, since its aims are largely in accord with our own.

"In connection with a new order in East Asia, I should like to add that although there are some who suspect Japan of the intention to eliminate the rights and interests of third Powers in China, the Japanese Government, as has been repeatedly enunciated, have absolutely no desire to do away with the rights and interests of third Powers in China. We are, in fact, anxious to see the development of China's trade with other Powers and welcome foreign investment in China as long as they are of a purely economic character. "And that, I am confident, is also the wish of the new central government of China about to be established.

"There will at first, owing to the fact that military operations are still being carried out, perforce be restrictions of one kind or another, but these restrictions will be modified or removed as soon as local conditions are restored to normal.

Manchoukuo Progress

"Manchoukuo, to which our country is bound by neighbourly and inseparable ties of relationship, having made swift and splendid progress, is now ready to emerge as a great Power of East Asia, a fact which is most gratifying for the sake of general peace and prosperity in this part of the globe.

"The Japanese Government always desired to adjust relations with the

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Arita Speech Not Welcomed in U.S.

Persistence in New Order In Asia Believed Clashing With American Policy

Washington, Feb. 1.

There was a strong inclination here today to regard the address of Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the opening of the Diet this morning, as discouraging as far as United States-Japanese relations are concerned.

Unofficial reaction to the speech, however, was mixed early today and it was expected that opinion would not crystallize until officials had had time to study the address.

It was noted that Mr. Arita numerically balanced his comment regarding United States interests with points encouraging and aspects contrary to the United States policy. The most basic point in the latter category was Japan's determination to continue her programme to bring about the "New Order in East Asia."

Programme Persisted In

Experts here said that United States relations with Japan are not likely to improve while Japan persists in continuing that programme without modification. They also said that Mr. Arita implied strong criticism of the United States when he suggested that international peace fails to be maintained largely because "some nations insist on trying to maintain an irrational and unjust international status quo."

However, it was more encouraging to note that Mr. Arita said Japan proposes to "exert further efforts in the confident hope that Japanese-American relations will be restored to a normal status" and that Japan would be eager for Third Powers to invest in China. However, observers said these points are not promising until they "become actualities."—United Press.

More Food Finds Way Into Tientsin

British Consul's Protest Has Effect

Tientsin, Feb. 1.

The efforts of the British Consul-General, Mr. Oswald White, to ease the serious food situation in the British Concession were crowned with success today, when the Japanese authorities consented to allow five truckloads of foodstuffs to be brought into the Concession daily.

Minor details remain to be arranged before the scheme starts to operate.

The food situation in the blockaded area became extremely acute when the Japanese re-electrified the wires around the foreign areas and tightened up barrier restrictions.

Foodstuffs became scarce, and for the little that was available exorbitant prices were asked.

Mr. White took the matter up with the Japanese authorities and succeeded in persuading them to allow a certain quantity of foodstuffs to enter the British Concession daily.—Reuter.

Taku Bar Icebound; Cargoes Delayed

Change of Wind Brings Hopes of Opening

Tientsin, Feb. 1.

A change in the direction of the wind today has given rise to hopes that conditions at Taku Bar, where serious delays in the handling of cargo have been experienced in the past week because of ice, will soon improve.

Because of a strong north-easterly wind during the past few days, a tremendous amount of ice has accumulated at the bar, making communication with ships beyond the bar by lighters extremely difficult.

The wind, however, today began blowing from the north-west, and shipping circles hope that it will continue for some time from the same direction, as in such an event it will blow the ice out to sea.—Reuter.

Mrs. Teffer-Smollett Dies in England

Wife of Former G.O.C. in Shanghai Well-Known Here

London, Feb. 1.

Mrs. A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, wife of Major-General Telfer-Smollett, formerly commander of the British troops in Shanghai, died at nine o'clock this morning. She had been ill just a fortnight. Mrs. Telfer-Smollett was in Shanghai with her husband for more than three years. She returned to England last year, when Major-General Telfer-Smollett was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey.—Reuter.

Torpedo Found Near Philippines

Manila, Feb. 1.

An unexploded torpedo was found today near Kanghipayan Island lying in the sea route to Australia, according to a report by Mr. Lester R. Dyne, American mine superintendent, who arrived in the southern Philippine islands reported sighting a submarine of unknown nationality near Kanghipayan last week, Mr. Dyne said.—United Press.

Minister's Speech Interrupted

FROM PERCY WHITEING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Mr. Arita's statement in the Lower House was interrupted by shouts of "What is the name of the cruiser?" and others of a similar nature. Considerable applause followed the announcement of the latest demands for a settlement of the Asama Maru incident. Your correspondent was the only foreign representative to be present. Of the most unfortunate features of the whole affair is that it has been the cause of embarrassment and irritation to the Yonai cabinet. One of the important factors in the formation of this cabinet was the intention to be conciliatory towards Britain and America. This intention, so far as Britain is concerned, has been considerably hampered by the incident, which played into the hands of the widespread anti-British clique, and correspondingly disheartened the Anglophile oldtimers.

All Japanese To Have Full Rice Bowls

Premier Stresses Home Policies in Speech to Diet Members

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

A full rice-bowl for every Japanese was the goal of the new Japanese Government, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Premier, told members of the Diet today.

In an address stressing the necessity of solving various internal problems, the Premier declared that the Government was "determined to make endeavours for the stabilization of the life of the people."

It would be a major aim of his Cabinet, he asserted, to "secure the production of sufficient amounts of such necessary commodities as rice, and the suitable distribution of them among the people so that there may be a constant supply."

The address in the House of Peers was made at 10 o'clock this morning and in the House of Representatives three hours later. Packed houses heard both addresses.

People Warned

While the Government was directing its efforts towards this end, Admiral Yonai warned, the people must be conscious of the war and "observe war-time economic morality, reform their living, and with unflinching determination, cope with the current conditions for the purpose of accomplishing the unprecedented task in Japan's history."

Reviewing the international situation, the Premier asserted that the relations between the Powers of the world since the beginning of the European war in September had become complicated.

Because of this tangled situation, he said, the Government could not easily predict what changes would be made in the future.

"In view of these circumstances, Japan will stick to the principle already adopted: that she will not become involved in the European conflict, but will drive for the disposal of the China conflict.

"In the relations with other powers, Japan will definitely take an independent standpoint of its own, and effect a readjustment of relations with them.

"As for the situation that may ensue from the European war, Japan will cope with each problem in accordance with such policies."

Affairs in China

Turning to affairs in China, Admiral Yonai declared that "Japan already has determined her fundamental and unchangeable policies, and the Government in accordance with these policies, with firm determination, and in consideration of internal and external trends, will resort to all possible means and devote its active energies for the settlement of the current conflict.

"With the progress of the China affair," he continued, "there has come to prevail an atmosphere for peace and national salvation all over China.

"In the near future there will be established a new Central Government of China with Mr. Wang Ching-wei as the leading figure.

"Japan is prepared to give its whole-hearted support towards the smooth development of this new Government," the Premier assured.

National Concentration

"In order to achieve the mission of establishing a new order in East Asia and in comformity with her convictions, Japan is finding it imperative in view of the present circumstances, to effect the reinforcement of national defence by means of concentrating the whole of national power upon it.

"This requires the fullness of military equipment, the enhancement of national spirit, the expansion of economic power and the stabilization of the life of the people," the Premier stated.

"It goes without saying," the Premier continued, "that it is necessary completely to replenish our armaments in order to cope with the current international situation.

"In order to achieve the expansion of economic power, we should not only make efforts for the increase of industrial productive power and the development of foreign trade, but also to accelerate the realization of a comprehensive economic plan common to Japan, Manchoukuo and China.

"For the successful operation of war-time economy, it is essential that we should effect an increase in production and the smooth distribution of commodities by enforcing various kinds of measures in accordance with the commodity low-price policy," Admiral Yonai said.

Economic Control

"To do this it is necessary for the nation in unity to put forth even greater efforts, while at the same time various measures of economic control must be strengthened and executed smoothly by the close co-operation of the Government and the people.

"The Government has decided to present to the Diet the budget for the fiscal year 1940-41 which was compiled by the preceding Cabinet.

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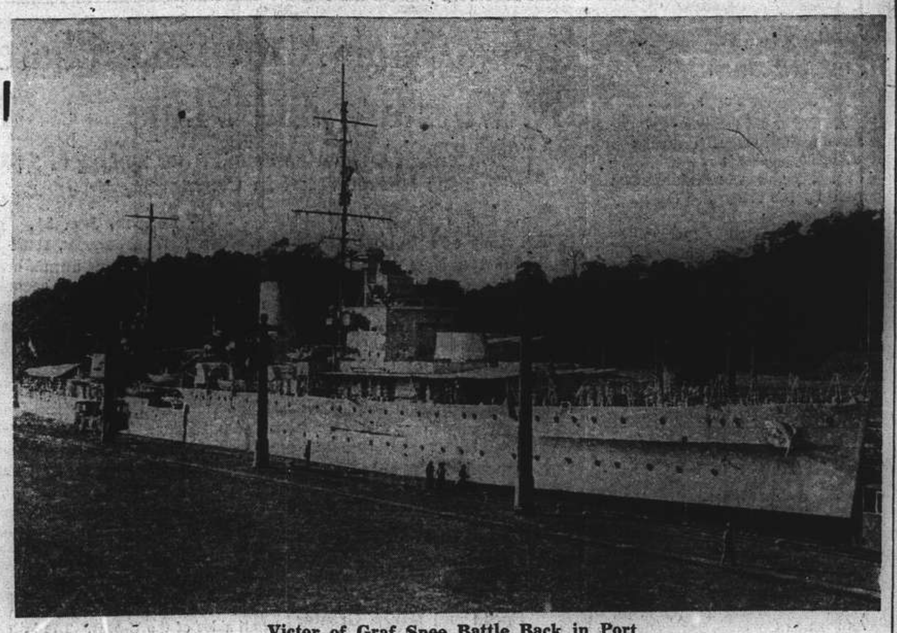

Victor of Graf Spee Battle Back in Port

Culminating two years's service abroad in which she took part in the action with the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee off Montevideo, H.M.S. Ajax, light cruiser, returned to Plymouth on Wednesday and received a tumultuous welcome. One mast was missing from the cruiser but, apart from this, she appeared to have suffered little damage. The Ajax is here seen in the Panama Canal.

Two Dead, Three Wounded in Fierce Shooting Affray

Police and Armed Robbers Come to Grips in Peking, Shanse Road Area; Rooftop Chase

DETECTIVE Sub-Inspector R. Moir, Sergeant C.E.A. Cooke and a Chinese detective were wounded and two armed robbers were shot dead last night in one of the most intense shooting affrays which have been seen in Shanghai in months. Sergeant Cooke, whose condition is serious, was wounded once in the upper part of the chest and Sub-Inspector Moir, who was wearing a steel waistcoat, was hit three times, two of the shots being deflected by this garment, while the third penetrated his left arm. His condition is not serious. The Chinese detective had a narrow escape from death when a bullet grazed his head.

At the time of going to press the police surrounding the block in which the two robbers were taking refuge had settled to an all-night siege. Present were 150 men, drawn from Central Station and the Reserve Unit, both sections of which were present. At times the robbers were seen at various points on the roof top as they wandered about in search of an avenue of escape.

A large force of uniformed and plainclothes men spent hours at the scene from the time the shooting started at about 7.40 p.m., and at an early hour this morning the police, including the Reserve Unit, were still in attendance in an attempt to capture at least two remaining armed suspects, who had barricaded themselves in one of the houses in Tsung Tuh Li, off Shanse Road. The Reserve Unit was under the command of Mr. W. E. Fairbairn, Assistant Commissioner of Police, assisted by Supt. A. H. Chamberlain.

The alarm caused a large party of police to turn out from Central Station and, in addition, Capt. H. M. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. V. Sharman, Assistant Commissioner, personally attended. The Central Station party were led by Chief Inspector F. West and Detective-Inspector W. Duncan.

First Alarm

First news of the robbery, which was believed to have been perpetrated by about ten men, most of them armed, came when an alarm was raised by inmates of an establishment in Tsung Tuh Li, off Shanse Road. When the police arrived the robbers were still in the buildings in the alleyway and were taken by surprise.

Surrounding the building in which the robbers were operating is a maze of alleyways. Upon entering these from Peking Road and Shanse Road, the police encountered the desperate gang, who immediately opened fire from the roof tops. This was the signal for a terrific battle to start.

Searchlights were swung into action to play over the roofs, over which the robbers were scurrying here and there to escape police bullets. From positions in the narrow alleyways steel waistcoated men fired at dim figures outlined in the glare of the lights and others entered the buildings at various points to come to grips with the desperadoes.

Police Wounded

Sub-Inspector Moir, Sergeant Cooke and the Chinese detective received their wounds shortly after they had entered a furniture shop at 146 Peking Road, into which some armed members of the gang had flown. After ascending the stairs they burst open a door leading into an upper room and were immediately met by a fusillade of bullets from the robbers' pistols. All three were hit although they returned the fire. Until they were rescued by other members of the force, who dashed upstairs after hearing the shots, these three men were unable to move from their positions.

During this period the chase over the roof tops was still in progress and shots were flying back and forth between police and the rest of the gang. Eventually tear gas was used in an endeavour to dislodge the men, one of the gang falling from the roof.

The two dead robbers were hit in the vicinity of the furniture shop, from which they were brought out at about 11.30 p.m. Two pistols were taken from their bodies before they were removed by a Fire Brigade ambulance from the scene.

At a late hour last night eight suspects had been arrested as a result of the efforts of the police, and searchlights were still being played from points of vantage on to the roofs of houses in the area as two robbers, or possibly more, were still known to be at large.

Japan's Friendship Desired

"The Times" Comments on Complications of Asama Maru Incident

London, Feb. 1.

A lengthy editorial explaining the British navy's action in seizing 21 Germans on the Japanese vessel Asama Maru appeared in "The Times" today.

"Japan," the paper said, "objected to the action of British naval officers in removing from a Japanese ship a number of young Germans returning home to join the fighting forces of their country."

"The arrests were within the well-recognized rights allowed by international law on the high seas," "The Times" added. "But the Japanese objected to the 'legalistic' tone of the British explanation and the Prime Minister yesterday was careful not to rest the argument upon the letter of the law. It is certainly to be hoped that we may come to terms with an important friendly nation on some broader ground than this."

"The special sensitiveness of Japanese national pride is well-understood here," the paper continued, "and any affront to it, whether in legal form or not, is very far from our intent. Such rights as our ships have to claim are exercised with all the courtesy and consideration that the exigencies of war permit."

"The Japanese, themselves a leading maritime nation, must be well able to appreciate the difficulties of those who have to "frustrate the machinations of a powerful and utterly unscrupulous enemy," "The Times" said, quoting the statement made by Mr. Chamberlain yesterday.

"One of their own ships has been already sunk in Western waters," The Times" went on, "but they are fortunate in that mariners sailing the Pacific do not run the risk of mines which destroyed so many unarmed merchantmen and trawlers belonging to Norway and other European neutrals."

"In these circumstances," "The Times" concluded, "they need hardly fear that their dignity is involved in resisting the claim of Great Britain to exclude from the war a score of Germans who are specially qualified to join in the German submarine outrages."—Havas.

Friendlier Atmosphere

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Conversations between Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, and Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, regarding the Asama Maru incident, are gradually resulting in a friendlier atmosphere, states the "Asahi Shimbun."

Apparently yesterday evening a step was taken towards the solution of the affair, the paper says. Sir Robert Craigie is reported to have indicated the British Government's intention of formally declaring the fact that as the incident occurred so near Japanese territory, it was unfortunate for both Japan and Britain.

Sir Robert is reported to have submitted a plan of conciliation, according to the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun." This newspaper adds: "It is now expected that the Asama Maru affair will be settled quickly."—Reuter.

British Railways Normal

London, Feb. 1.

Punctuality has now been achieved on most railways throughout the country after dislocation caused by recent severe weather. With the exception of a few cases, it is expected that normal running will be resumed on all lines today.—Reuter.

Friendly Tokyo Reaction To Premier's Speech

FROM PERCY WHITEING
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Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Since Mr. Chamberlain's reference to the Asama Maru incident at a luncheon of the National Defence Public Interest Committee in London on January 31, there has been a friendly reaction to the British Prime Minister's speech here. The hope is expressed in Japanese circles that Mr. Chamberlain's words presage a solution of the affair which will prove acceptable to Japan.

Britain Supports Nine-Power Treaty

Text of Terms Between Wang Ching-wei and Japan on Way to England

London, Jan. 31.

Great Britain maintains unchanged her attitude in the Far East and intends to continue adhering to the principles of the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons today in reply to a question by the Conservative member, Mr. Robert Morgan of Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

Mr. Morgan asked first whether the Prime Minister's attention has been called to the peace terms offered by Japan to the "Chinese puppet government" and whether the Foreign Office has received any information on the subject.

"Yes," Mr. Butler replied on behalf of the Prime Minister. "His Majesty's Ambassador to China (Sir Archibald Clark Kerr) has called my noble friend's attention to an agreement purporting to have been signed by Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities on November 30, 1939.

"The full text is being forwarded by air mail. As published in the Shanghai Chinese press, the documents bear neither signature nor date and may therefore be merely preliminary exchanges of views.

"A spokesman of Wang Ching-wei has described demands submitted by the Japanese, and has denied that any agreement has been signed," Mr. Butler concluded.

Mr. Morgan then asked the Prime Minister whether in view of treaty negotiations between Japan and the Chinese "puppet government," the British Government still adheres to the terms of the Washington Nine-Power Treaty.

"In its Note of January 14, 1940, to the Japanese Government," Mr. Butler replied again, "the British Government made it clear that it intended to adhere to the principles of the Nine-Power Treaty and this remains its attitude."—Havas.

Three Britons Charged In Japan

London, Feb. 1.

The British Embassy at Tokyo has undertaken to safeguard the interests of three Britons whom the Japanese police arrested at Kobe on January 17 on suspicion of infringing Japanese currency laws, it was announced here last night.—United Press.

Mr. Roosevelt Asked to Protest 'Slaughter'

Washington, Feb. 1.

Mr. Samuel Dickstein, Democratic Representative of New York, offered a resolution in the House of Representatives yesterday, asking that President Roosevelt protest against the "German slaughter and persecution of Polish civilians."—United Press.

Ministry of Supplies To Ration Paper

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 1.

An order is shortly to be issued by the Ministry of Supplies, rationing paper. This order will forbid mills to supply, except under licence, more than the limited proportion which has been available so far.—Reuter.

Finns Slaughter Half of Red Battalion in Battle

Important Russian Defeat in Kuhmo Region; Soviet Attacks All Frustrated

Stockholm, Feb. 1.

A severe clash took place yesterday in the Kuhmo region of the Finnish front between a Soviet battalion consisting of 600 Siberian soldiers and a Finnish detachment, the war correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet" reported this morning. When the smoke cleared, three hundred of the Russians lay dead, and fifty were captured by the Finns. This Russian defeat, the correspondent added, will be important as it will undoubtedly affect the morale of the Soviet forces. For the first time since the beginning of the war the Russian soldiers wore white overcoats like the Finns have been doing to make themselves less visible in the snow. In other clashes yesterday, the Finns destroyed five Soviet tanks in the region of Saunajaervi, while minor skirmishes took place north of Raitsi.—Havas.

Helsinki, Feb. 1.

Finnish troops continued to hold their positions on the Karelian Isthmus and the north-east Lake Ladoga fronts yesterday despite frequent Russian attacks in both areas.

At sunrise yesterday the Finnish colours were again hoisted over Mantsi Fort in Lake Ladoga where Finnish guns have been battering Red troops behind the Russian lines, despite numerous attempts by the Reds to silence them.

Dawn broke clear here yesterday. It was very cold and looked like an ideal day for the Red Air Force to continue its bombing raids.

Russian Morale Low

The morale of the Russian soldiers is seriously impaired, according to letters alleged to have been found on prisoners and dead men on the Lake Ladoga front yesterday and published in the local press. The letters were written to wives and friends.

"This war is not like Poland," the letter was quoted as saying. "It is horrible. It is so cold that we are afraid to sleep. If we have children let us pray for girls only so they will never have to live in this horror. We have already occupied half of Finland."

Meanwhile, word was received from Stockholm that the famous Spanish aviator Colonel Nicolas Beres, of Saragosa, passed through the city en route to Finland. Col. Beres distinguished himself in the Spanish Civil War where he fought many battles with the Italian volunteers.

Reports from Dvanik yesterday said the Russians, after the usual morning aerial bombing suddenly attacked the Finns from Hoyenjaervi, surprising the Finns, who retreated to their breastworks. They stood off the Russians until they had reorganized their forces and then counter-attacked, driving the Russians back to their former positions north of Hoyenjaervi, it was said.

Reds Repulsed

Meanwhile, a Finnish war communique said that the Finns repulsed Russian attacks at Taipale Tuesday, killing 60. North-east of Lake Ladoga the Russians attacked Finn positions at several points, but were repulsed at every point, the communique said. Nine Russian tanks were said to have been destroyed.

Anti-aircraft units shot down five Russian planes Tuesday, the communique claimed. On the night of January 29, the communique continued, Finnish aircraft carried out reconnaissance bombing raids. It was considered worthy of note that this was the first time that it has been officially admitted that Finnish planes have carried out night operations.

Russia last year imported 1,300,000 barrels of high test gasoline from the United States, it was pointed out. The Finns believe that this is part of the fuel which the Russians are now consuming in their air raids over Finland. It is estimated that a bomber burns about 250 litres per hour, or one ton to provide for four flying hours.

The Finns are happy to see that this reserve is fast dwindling. Russian home production is estimated at 2,900,000 tons.—United Press.

Reds Heavily Bomb Rovaniemi

Rovaniemi, Feb. 1.

Twenty-seven Russian planes in an echelon formation circled 2,000 metres over the city yesterday and dropped bombs on the outskirts and in the ice of the Kemi River in the second raid in two days.

Two bombs fell in the outskirts of the city where most of the damage resulted from bomb splinters. All the other bombs fell in the river.

Military reports, meanwhile, stated that heavy fighting continued yesterday on the Salla front. It was reported that the Russians have sent better trained and equipped Karelian frontier guards to Salla. They are being used in the Russian troops' repeated efforts to outflank the Finnish besiegers, the reports claimed.

The Finns inflicted between 2,500 and 3,000 casualties on the Russian 54th infantry division yesterday in an offensive aimed to throw the Russians back across the border in the Kuhmo sector on the central front, it was reported. Swedes and other foreign volunteers aided the Finns in this action, it was said.

Dispatches said that if the 54th division is pushed across the frontier Finnish territory will be cleared of invaders from the Salla front to the north-east Lake Ladoga front.

Twelve were killed and 55 were wounded during the air raid on Rovaniemi yesterday, including three children and two women, one of whom was pregnant. She was taken from a hospital to an air raid shelter, where an incendiary shell scored a direct hit.—United Press.

Admiralty Takes Over New Duty

To Be Responsible for All Shipbuilding and Repair Work

London, Jan. 31.

With a view to centralization of efforts and resources, the Government decided that the Admiralty henceforth shall be responsible for the repair and construction of British merchant shipping, Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons today.

This added responsibility actually falls on the Admiralty's shoulders tomorrow, February 1. The arrangement is similar to that which prevailed during the latter part of the Great War.

The arrangement, in addition to its advantages of centralization, permits the use of all available resources for ship-building and introduces greater elasticity into allotments of capacity to meet mercantile requirements.

Sir James Lithgow, 57, well-known British shipbuilder, will be appointed Controller of Merchant Shipbuilding and Repairs at the Admiralty, the Premier declared. Mr. James Eyre, another man well-known in British merchant marine circles, will be director.

The Admiralty will meet the requirements of the merchant marine in the types of shipping it undertakes to build and, with a view to wasting no effort, will hold consultations with representatives of ship-owners, Mr. Chamberlain concluded.—Havas.

German Air Battle Claims Refuted

Facts Revealed in British Special Commentary

London, Feb. 1.

A bulletin issued by the German Embassy in Tokyo quotes a report from Amsterdam, dated January 28, that according to the "London Gazette", Squadron-Leader Wood was cashiered from the Air Force on January 6 in accordance with the verdict of a court-martial, says a special commentary issued here today.

The report continued that, according to a report from London, Wood was sentenced for failing to carry out the task assigned to him in the raid on Heligoland Bight and for reporting successes which proved untrue.

This statement, says the commentary, was entirely untrue in almost every respect.

Wing-Commander, and not Squadron-Leader, Wood was cashiered, it declares, and this was announced in the "London Gazette."

Wing-Commander Wood, it further states, was not an operational officer, and had not flown for many years.

The British Wing-Commander concerned in the Heligoland engagement, the commentary continues, was Wing-Commander Kellett, who led the formation of British aircraft which gained the long-distance record for Great Britain with a flight from Ismailia to Darwin.

Decorated by King

For his part in the action over Heligoland Bight, Wing-Commander Kellett has been decorated by the King.

The official German claim regarding the number of British aircraft shot down in this engagement, declares the commentary, began at 44, and then vacillated a good deal, becoming stabilized finally at 36, "a far larger number than the total of British aircraft engaged."

The R.A.F. lost seven bombers in this action, it is stated, "but shot down 12 German fighters, including six of the much-vaunted twin-engined Messerschmidt 110's which carry machineguns as well as two cannons.

"The German bulletin version was first put out in a German broadcast with the clear intention of initiating a denial in London, so that the London report might subsequently be quoted. This is in accordance with the well-known technique of German propaganda."—Reuter.

Long-Awaited Thaw on Western Front

French Patrols Penetrate Enemy Territory

London, Feb. 1.

The long-awaited thaw has set in on the Western Front, bringing increased activity by patrols and behind the lines. In the air, however, quiet continues to prevail.

A small army of men set to yesterday, as the temperature rose and rain fell, to free the British Expeditionary Force area from the grip of the melting snow. They were helped by civilians.

The thaw, if maintained, will undoubtedly create its own problems, but they are unlikely to compare with the severe check on freedom which the British Expeditionary Force has suffered during the freeze-up of the past fortnight.—Reuter.

Penetrate Enemy Territory

Paris, Feb. 1.

Patrol activities are commented on in the latest military communique issued here.

"Our patrols penetrated enemy territory at several points, and successfully accomplished their mission," it is stated.—Reuter.

Speculation Roused By Tangled Web Of German-Soviet Relations

Nazis Likely to Get Upper Hand in Long Run If Reds' Difficulties in Finland Continue

London, Jan. 31.

Important as it is in its direct effects on the European War and its future effects on the whole of Europe, the German-Soviet situation today held the centre of interest among British political quarters.

The state of German-Soviet relations is of intriguing significance observers declared but has been rather overlooked of late because of the difficulty of obtaining reliable information and sifting out the truth from the dross.

First fruits of the suddenly sprouted Nazi-Red friendship, they pointed out, fell into the lap of Josef Stalin, who snatched at opportunities and grabbed at a quick profit.

Since then however, the situation has changed somewhat and Soviet Russia has taken to a series of manœuvres to escape German manœuvring.

Soviet Russia today is compelled to hoard all of her resources and centre interest on the Finnish conflict. This naturally has harmed Germany, who previously thought she might benefit from Soviet food and oil production.

But, although Germany suffers at present, the same observers raised the question of whether she does not stand to benefit in the long run from Russia's embroilment with Finland.

For, they pointed out, if Russian difficulties increase, Germany may conclude a hard bargain and give the Soviets technical aid in exchange for control over Soviet resources and industries.—Havas.

Wrecked Japanese Submarine Raised After Year's Strenuous Salvage Work

Disaster Which Took Toll of Eighty-one Lives Recalled; Operations Hampered by Currents

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

After 12 months of strenuous labour, the Navy Salvage Corps has succeeded in refloating the Japanese submarine 1-65, which sank on February 1, 1939, after a collision in the Bungo Straits, near Shimonoseki, according to a communiqué issued by the Ministry of the Navy today.

The disaster, which occurred during manœuvres before daybreak in misty weather, took a toll of 81 lives, nine officers and 72 men.

Salvage work was immediately started, but it was hampered by a strong current and also by the fact that the submarine was lying on the sea bottom at a depth of 100 metres.

The Japanese submarine was the first that sank in a series of major submarine disasters last year.

On May 24, the United States submarine Squalus sank during a steep routine dive off White Island, on the New Hampshire coast. Twenty-six sailors lost their lives.

Only a week later, on June 1, the British submarine Thetis went down during diving trials off Birkenhead, entombing 98 men.

The third tragedy within a month involved the French submarine Phoenix, which on June 17 failed to come to the surface after a dive outside Gam Ranh Bay, a naval base in French Indo-China. The entire crew, comprising four officers and 67 men perished.—Reuter.

Japanese Independent Standpoint Stressed

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Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and so contribute toward ensuring the peace of East Asia as a whole. More recently international feeling between the two countries having taken a turn for the better, we are planning to seek concrete and practical solutions of the principal questions now pending and a consequent general adjustment of Soviet-Japanese relations. With regard to boundary questions, a truce agreement was signed last autumn in connection with the Nomonhan incident; and since last December a temporary Manchoukuo-Mongolia boundary commission representing the countries concerned has been set up for the purpose of delimiting the precise boundary line in disputed areas.

"The Japanese Government are now negotiating for an early establishment of commissions with a view to delimiting boundaries not only in the Nomonhan area but also all along the frontier between Manchoukuo and Soviet territory for the prevention of boundary disputes and for a peaceful solution of all possible international contentions in frontier districts so as to bring tranquility to all sectors of the Manchoukuo-Mongolia and the Manchoukuo-Soviet frontiers.

Soviet-Japan Trade Talks

"Negotiations for a treaty of commerce between Japan and the U.S.S.R. are now in progress at Moscow and we are looking to a satisfactory culmination of negotiations. With regard to the long pending question of concluding a fishery treaty, it is our intention to settle this matter as soon as possible in accordance with a stipulation provided for in a *modus vivendi* which was concluded in December last. "It is hoped that the Soviet Government will cooperate fully with a view to solving these specific questions and, moreover, that they will cease interfering with our concessions and industries in North Saghalien, amend their policy of supporting the anti-Japanese regime in China and collaborate in securing the peace of East Asia as a whole.

"Japan's relations with Germany and Italy have grown increasingly cordial ever since the conclusion of the anti-Comintern agreement. Our nation is profoundly grateful to the Governments and peoples of those countries for sympathy and support they have extended to Japan since the beginning of the China Affair. Our policy of defence against the Comintern remains unaltered. We will, moreover, continue to cultivate in accordance with that policy our intimate relations with all signatory Powers of the anti-Comintern agreement.

"Since the beginning of the China affair the Japanese Government have done all in their power to bring the British Government to a correct appreciation of the reality of the situation. More recently we have attempted to solve the Tientsin question and to effect general adjustment of British-Japanese relations.

Asama Maru Affair

"It is most unfortunate that on January 21 a British man-of-war searched the Japanese ship Asama Maru and seized 21 of the German passengers on board. In view of the unprecedented fact that this incident occurred in our home waters it is deeply regretted by our Government as well as by the entire nation. Negotiations are now in progress with British authorities and we are doing our utmost to arrive at a satisfactory settlement.

"On July 26 last year the United States Government suddenly gave notice of their intention to abrogate the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which had been for 30 years since 1911 a pledge of friendship between Japan and America. The reason which prompted the American Government to take this step is believed to be that by so doing it would serve in the solution of various questions which have arisen between Japan and America in connection with the China affair.

"We endeavoured therefore to conclude a new treaty or at least to prevent the Advent of a treatyless situation by making the American Government understand more thoroughly the attitude and aims of Japan. Unfortunately commercial relations between the two countries have nevertheless fallen into a treatyless status as from January 26 this year.

No Change in U.S.

"On the other hand, in December the American Government took steps internally in order to accord Japanese ships and goods, after the lapse of the treaty, the same treatment as before; they further declared their intention to make no change in treatment of Japanese subjects residing in or entering the United States as so-called treaty merchants. Thus despite the treatyless situation Japanese-American trade relations have in practice undergone no change.

"Although the policy of the Japanese Government in the present China affair is not to eliminate legitimate rights and interests of the United States and other third Powers, but on the contrary to invite their active participation in the construction of a new order in East Asia, it is inevitable that trade and other economic activities of third Powers should be affected at times by military operations which are being conducted on so vast a scale. In these circumstances our Government have resorted to all possible means to protect the rights and interests of third Powers, while our military forces have frequently endured even strategic disadvantages on that account.

"Moreover we are making it a point to give due considerations to damages suffered by third Power nationals in consequence of our military operations. I firmly believe that, with the establishment and development of a new order, America will come to learn the absence of desire on our part for either exclusion or monopoly in both economic and commercial fields.

Treatyless Position Undesirable

"A treatyless situation which deprives trade of stability or makes relations in general difficult is not desirable for either Japan or America. We propose, to exert further efforts in the confident hope that Japanese-American relations will de restored to a normal status, that is to say, on a treaty basis.

"With regard to South seas regions, the Japanese are desirous of maintaining with them a relationship of co-existence and co-prosperity through economic co-operation and collaboration in development of natural resources. We intend to put forth every effort along this line towards enhancing the existing close relations retween Japan and those regions.

"Under prevailing conditions Japan must do her utmost for promotion of her export trade and assurance of supply of necessary goods. Various organs concerned with trade are doing everything in their power to realize these purposes by maintaining close co-ordination among them.

"Economic co-operation with all other countries is being expedited by removing obstacles of trade, developing new markets, strengthening economic co-operation between Japan, Manchoukuo and China, concluding trade agreements on principles of reciprocity and compensation, and in various other ways. There are many countries with which we are conducting trade negotiations. The United States of America and the Soviet Union I have already mentioned, but included among them are France, Italy, India and various countries of Central and South America.

Obstructions of War

"Since the outbreak of the European war it has been noted that not only are there many instances wherein economic policies adopted by belligerent Powers tend to obstruct our importation of essential goods or to interfere with the development of our export trade, but also that some of these measures, exceeding belligerent rights recognized under international law, are destructive of the freedom of trade and the freedom of the seas. The Government have therefore presented vigorous protests to the Powers concerned and they are taking other appropriate steps for the protection of our trade rights.

"On the outbreak of the European War, last September, the Japanese Government made known, both at home and abroad, our intention not to be involved in that war but to concentrate our efforts on the settlement of the China Affair. The Government have since strictly adhered to this policy of non-involvement. It is believed, however, that the present war is destined to bring about drastic changes in the general situation of Europe regardless of how it may end and, consequently, its effects on the settlement of the China Affair and the stabilization of Asia are likely to be tremendous. The Government, while watching the development of the war with grave concern, are, however, determined to take appropriate steps to meet any changes in the situation.

"Irrational Status Quo"

"International peace fails to be maintained for various reasons. But after all, is this not largely due to the fact that some nations insist upon trying to maintain an irrational and unjust international *status quo* relative to race, religion, territory, resources, trade, immigration and other matters by adopting exclusionist policies or by abusing their superior positions?

"Real world peace, based on justice, cannot therefore be expected to prevail unless and until these causes are thoroughly eliminated after which all countries would be enabled to find each its proper place in the family of nations.

"Now that in Europe also a growing demand is heard for a new order, while a steady progress is being made in East Asia for its realization, it seems that a rare opportunity is afforded to mankind for self-examination. At such a time as this, we feel more keenly than ever the importance of the ethical aspect of diplomacy.

"With this conviction, the Japanese Government have hitherto devoted their efforts towards the establishment of peace based on justice. I hope then, that our nation, with united and inflexible determination, will go forward to establish a new order in East Asia and will contribute thereby to the happiness and welfare of all mankind.—Domei.

All Japanese to Have Full Rice Bowls

(Continued from page 7)

"With the view of coping with current financial and economic conditions, it is also necessary to effect reforms in all fields of national taxes and local levies.

"To bring into being all these policies I have mentioned, the understanding and co-operation of the nation, based upon the nation-wide and deep-rooted conviction, must be obtained if the grand enterprise of developing East Asia is to be accomplished. We should remember that first of all the war-time system must be enforced, giving vent to the Japanese subjects' traditional spirit of offering themselves courageously to the welfare of the state.

Anniversary Recalled

"On this occasion, the 2,600th anniversary of the Accession of the Emperor Jimmu to the throne, we should also remember the ideals in the founding of the empire; we should trace back the exploits in Japan's history; exercise to the fullest extent our particular spirit; guard and maintain the prosperity of the Imperial Throne, coeval with heaven and earth; clarify the idea about the national policy; elevate the spirit of the founding of the Empire, and thus, deepen our national consciousness.

"We keenly feel our obligation as we meet the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the empire with the current grave situation confronting us."

In conclusion, the Premier pointed out that two and a half years had elapsed since the start of the conflict in China. 'We not only express our hearty gratitude for the effort and labour of the Japanese officers and men who have fought on various fronts and achieved brilliant success," the Premier said, "but also our sorrow, for whom we pay homage, to those who have died for their country. At the same time, we want to express our gratitude to the people in general at home who have exhibited ardour and effort for making the officers and men at the fronts free from care about their future."—Domei.

Peace Procession Ends Tension in Rangoon

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rangoon, Feb. 1.

A peace procession, in which Hindu and Moslem leaders took part, marked the end of communal tension here. Police vigilance, however, is stated to be unrelaxed.—Reuter.

Japan Plans Huge Sum For Armaments

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Rearmament plans calling for an expenditure of more than Y.10,000,000,000 over a period of six years were announced here by the army and the navy today.

The proposed expenditures will be designed to enable Japan to "attain its objective in the China Affair and also to cope with the future developments of the complicated international situation," the announcement said.—Domei.

"Moral Embargo" Hits Japan

U.S. Debates Extension Of Retaliatory Moves In Far East

Washington, Jan. 31.

As soon as Congress has settled the question of a loan to Finland it will be faced with the problem of relations between the United States and Japan.

Discussion will centre round the resolution of Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign relations Committee, giving the President powers to impose an embargo.

Before action is taken, it is likely that Mr. Cordell Hull, State Secretary, will be asked to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and give his views.

The press here expresses the opinion that the "China incident" provides legal grounds for tariff action, since there has been unquestionable discrimination against American trade in China.

Meantime, it is reported that the moral embargo continues to operate. Latest reports state a Japanese attempt to buy American apparatus and processes for manufacturing aeroplane petrol has been frustrated by official action.—Reuter.

Sub-Committee Appointed

Washington, Feb. 1.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, moving cautiously in regard to the Far East situation, yesterday appointed a sub-committee to consider the resolution of Senator Guy M. Gillette, Democrat of Iowa, invoking the Neutrality Act in the Far East.

The committee postponed consideration of the bills for placing an embargo on Japan until they have completed action on the Finnish loan proposal, which Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the committee, said would be likely this week. Senator Pittman said the committee would then proceed immediately with the Japanese embargo measures. The Finnish loan is more of an emergency nature than the Japanese situation, he said. Senator Pittman said he would ask the committee to meet daily until the Finnish loan proposal had been disposed of.

When the embargo bills are taken up Senator Pittman said he would ask Department of State officials to appear in behalf of the Administration. Senator Frederick Van Nuys, Democrat of Indiana, and Senator Hiram Johnson, California Republican, were appointed on the subcommittee to study Senator Gillette's proposal, upon which the author asked the committee's most urgent action.

Senator Pittman said the subcommittee's decision on Senator Gillette's proposal would probably be applicable to the resolution of Senator John A. Danaher, Connecticut Republican, applying the Neutrality Act to the Russo-Finnish war. The sub-committee may hold hearings on Senator Gillette's bill, Senator Pittman said, but there are no plans in that direction so far.

No sub-committee is likely to be appointed to consider the proposed embargo bills, the Chairman of the committee said, but the proposals will be given full committee study as soon as possible.

Informed sources gathered that the committee will begin a cautious, but intensive canvass of the Japanese situation. The committee, they said, wishes to prepare a firm, but careful approach.

Meanwhile, reports were circulated in Congressional circles that the Japanese situation might be met by new Export-Import Bank loans to China. However, this aspect has so far not entered into the discussion of the Foreign Relations Committee.—United Press.

Sir Victor Sassoon In San Franctsco

Says U.S. Hold Stronger Cards Than Japan

San Francisco, Feb. 1.

The termination of the Japanese-American trade treaty has given the United States a powerful weapon, Sir Victor Sassoon, Shanghai financier, said on arrival here yesterday.

It is impossible to foretell the ccurse Japan will take in attempting to revive the abrogated treaty because Japan is divided into two groups, one favouring and the other opposing the China campaign, he said. He arrived aboard the ss. President Coolidge.

"The impasse between the United States and Japan is complicated," he added, because Japan is trying to "bluff in a poker game in which she holds only a full house in contrast to the royal flush held by America. It just can't be done because the United States has Japan absolutely 'cold' and Japanese businessmen know it."

Various Views in Japan

He declined to forecast a solution for the impasse. Japan's divergent views on war and peace make it impossible for a true prediction on the Japanese Empire's course toward reviving the trade treaty with the United States, he said.

Sir Victor discounted talk of war between the United States and Japan. War with the United States would be suicide for Japan, he emphasized.

The well-known financier said that the Japanese subjugation of China might take a decade—if accomplished.

Japan is publicizing the seizure of the Germans aboard the Japanese motor vessel Asama Maru as a smoke screen to divert attention from the crisis resulting from the abrogation of the Japanese-American trade treaty, he asserted.—United Press.

U-Boat Sunk After Long Chase By Warships and Plane

German Submarine Found After Sinking of 5,000 Tons British Vessel in Convoy

London, Jan. 31.

THE story of a U-boat which attacked a British convoy, sank a 5,000-ton ship and made good her escape from immediate destruction only to be found again and then sunk after a second chase, was revealed this evening in an official communique. The U-boat in question was the one it was stated, to which Premier Neville Chamberlain referred this afternoon during his speech at the Dorchester Hotel.

During British warships in the vicinity, the U-boat torpedoed and sank the British ship Vaclite, 5,062 tons, and then submerged and disappeared. While an Italian ship rescued the crew of the Vaclite, units of the convoy's naval escort rushed to the scene and dropped depth charges. Contact was lost, however, and the submarine was known to have made off for the time being.

The air force then came into the picture and, after intensive patrolling in the area, an R.A.F. seaplane sighted the U-boat on the surface of the sea apparently disabled.

Speeding to the attack, the plane dropped a salvo of bombs which fell on all sides of the U-boat. The latter meanwhile opened rapid fire in a desperate attempt to ward off the attacker.

Deadly Precision

Coming to the attack again and again although shells burst all around in the seaplane machine-gunned the U-boat with deadly precision. Low clouds at this moment swept over the sea and hid the sub from sight.

The R.A.F. craft then did what it could in signalling the vessel's position to British naval units in the region. These arrived on the scene shortly after to find a number of survivors swimming about, a few in a rubber life-boat, and the U-boat sunk, the official account closed.—Havas.

German Bomber Attacks Ship

London, Feb. 1.

The British steamer Royal Crown, 4,364 tons, was attacked by a German bomber off the British coast yesterday. The vessel was beached when it was found to be sinking.

Fifteen survivors were landed after seeing seven comrades washed from a life-boat and drowned. It is feared that another life-boat, with the remainder of the crew, has capsized.

Police boarded the ship and removed the mutilated bodies of four members of the crew who were killed when the 'plane attacked the vessel, machine-gunned the decks and dropped an incendiary bomb amidships.—Reuter.

Story Told to Queen

London, Feb. 1.

Wounded seamen, victims of Nazi torpedoes, bombs, guns and mines, gave graphic, first-hand accounts of their experiences to Queen Elizabeth, who privately visited a sailors' home in East London yesterday, and chatted to injured men.

One sailor, who had been brought to the home earlier in the day, told the Queen that he and shipmates were in a small, open boat for many hours before being picked up.

He described how they had seen a U-boat come to the surface, and how the German commander had given them time to take to the boats before sinking the ship.—Reuter.

Norwegian Freighter Sinks

Oslo, Feb. 1.

The Norwegian freighter Fingal, displacing 1,650 tons, sank off the coast of Scotland following an explosion yesterday. The ship was on her way from Norway to Eire when the disaster occurred. The eleven members of the crew were all saved.—Havas.

Revolutionary Spitfire Enters Active Service

Speed and Range Greater Than Any German Plane

London, Jan. 31.

With speed and range of action greater than the newest of the German Messerschmidt warplanes, the Model 110, a revolutionary Spitfire pursuit fighter has entered active service in the R.A.F., it was revealed today.

The British air forces are being developed and strengthened constantly and every precaution is taken to deal with an eventual mass air attack. The new Spitfire superfighter figures prominently in plans to ward off such mass raids if they come.

Twin-motored, with rare speed in its sturdy engine and streamlined fuselage, the Spitfire, although a pursuit, possesses such broad range of action that it may be used far from its base and for long periods of time. Its endurance mirrors the British Air Staff's intention to protect Britain against mass aerial invasion by meeting it when still far cut to sea. Speedy planes will be the first bulwark of defence. Then will come the second line of coastal defence and, finally, the separate anti-aircraft and R.A.F. defences inland.

Moreover, it is the plan of the Staff to use the long-range pursuits to cut off the enemy's line of retreat after the raiding squadrons have been beaten off by the coastal and inland defences. Double destruction therefore will be wreaked.

In the domain of bombing craft, too, Britain can boast of superiority over the German craft, air observers said, for British bombers are armed with bullet-proof turrets worked by motor and housing guns of heavier calibre than other planes can carry.

Dealing with the latest German raids over British coasts, the same observers pointed out that small German forces were used, that therefore the flights had no training value and, because of unfavourable weather conditions, that no observations of military value could be made.

As for the series of merciless air attacks on merchant shipping they concluded, this had solely the effect of turning neutral and indeed world opinion more against the German forces.—Havas.

"Miracles Have Happened"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Feb. 1.

"Miracles have happened, but you cannot expect a series of miracles," declared the Finnish Minister in Paris, Dr. Harri Holma, yesterday, addressing an Anglo-American Press lunch. "We are condemned to death unless help comes soon," he added.—Reuter.

New Order in Asia to Be Pressed

Japanese Will Resist Ill Inspired Opposition

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Japan will "resist with determination" any interference with the establishment of a new order in East Asia inspired by ill-will, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Premier, declared in the Lower House of the Diet today.

Replying to an interpellation by Mr. Gotaro Ogawa, a member of the majority Minseito party, the Prime Minister declared that the motives of a nation attempting such interference would first have to be studied.

If such an attitude should be derived from "misunderstanding or from a question of sentiment" a corrective measure would have to be evolved after a calm study of the problem, Admiral Yonai declared.

"If it is motivated by ill-will, we shall have to resist with determination," he stated.

Should the projected new central government of China show signs that it will have real authority, Admiral Yonai said, it "should be promptly extended recognition."—Domei.

Ajax Given Impressive Welcome at Plymouth

Congratulatory Telegram Sent by Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 1.

With one mast missing, but otherwise appearing little the worse for her recent engagement with the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, in the Plate River estuary, the cruiser Ajax was given a tremendous welcome when she arrived in Plymouth yesterday.

Spectators lined the shore, five and six deep, and cheered so loudly that music played on deck by the ship's band was completely drowned.

A congratulatory telegram, sent by the Board of the Admiralty, read: "Their Lordships are glad to welcome His Majesty's ship Ajax, and congratulate you on your safe return after two years' service abroad, which culminated in a memorable action against the enemy. They hope that you will soon enjoy your well-earned leave."—Reuter.

More Defections from Wang Ching-wei

Local Teachers Said to Want Text of Terms

Chungking, Feb. 1.

Further telegrams denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei are reported to have been received dere. These are said to include telegrams from the Provincial Assemblies of Yunnan, Kwangtung and Ninghsian provinces, the Kwangtung Provincial Kuomintang, and the Chinese Residents Association in Seattle and Washington.

Defections among followers of Mr. Wang Ching-wei are reported by the Chinese press. Newspapers this morning gave prominence to a joint circular telegram said to have been issued by 15 educational leaders in Shanghai, headed by Mr. Chen Kwang-cheng, who are said to have joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei's peace movement a year ago.

In the telegram, they are said to have announced their defection from the movement.

They are also said to have demanded Mr. Wang Ching-wei to publish the final peace terms agreed between himself and the Japanese, if he maintained that the agreement published in Hongkong did not represent the final agreement reached.—Reuter.

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THE CINEMA

"Kid Nightingale"

Steve Nelson	John Payne
Judy Craig	Jane Wyman
Skip Davis	Walter Catlett
Mike Jordan	Ed Brophy
Charles Paxton	Charles D. Brown
Fitts	Max Hoffman
Whitey	John Ridgely
Stangler Colombo	Harry Burns
Rudolfo Terrassi	Harry Burns
Rocky	William Haade
Marge	Helen Troy
Mrs. Reynolds	Winifred Harris
Announcer	Lee Phelps
Trainer	Frankie Van

A young waiter, who aspires to become an opera singer, but who is talked into becoming a boxer and his rise to fame and riches form the theme of "Kid Nightingale" which opened at the Cathay Theatre yesterday. Mr. John Payne plays the title part, that of the young waiter who is thrown out of the cafe when he helps Mr. Walter Catlett, a fight manager, in a quarrel. Mr. Catlett talks him into becoming a boxer and the young man agrees only when he is promised that he can train for opera and the ring at the same time. The hero is taken to New-York where a great fight promoter is persuaded to see him work out. The boy is a poor fighter, but the women are captivated by his personality and although the promoter wants none of him, another promoter sees a chance of cashing in on him. His rise to fame is hilariously told in a most entertaining way, while his fight with the champion and his operatic "ouches" when struck greatly amused the audience. Mr. Payne, who by the way closely resembles Mr. James Stewart, played his part to perfection. His pleasing personality and voice were well received by the public. Miss Jane Wyman, in the leading role opposite the star, was pretty to look at, but had very little to do. The picture, however, owes its success to such comedians as Messsrs. Walter Catlett, Ed Brophy and Harry Burns. The latter played a dual role that of Strangler Colombo, a wrestler, and Rudolfo Terrassi, an opera singer, and his masquerade as the opera singer drew a laugh a minute.

The picture is preceded by two short musicals "Murder with Reservations" and "Ice Frolics" with little Miss Edythe Chapman.—I.M.

"On Your Toes"

Vera	Zorina
Phil Dolan, Jr.	Eddie Albert
Sergei Alexandrovitch	Alan Hale
Paddy Reilly	Frank McHugh
Phil Dolan Sr.	James Gleason
Ivan Boultonoff	Leonid Kinskey
Peggy Porterfield	Gloria Dickson
Mrs. Dolan	Queenie Smith
Konstantin Morrisine	Erik Rhodes
Donald Henderson	Berton Churchill
Phil, as a Boy	Donald O'Connor
Vera, as a Girl	Sarita Wooten

Combining excellent ballet features, slap-dash vaudeville, rib-tickling wise-cracks and first-class dialogue, "On Your Toes," now being screened at the Grand Theatre, is guaranteed to please even the most jaded palate. Cleverly produced to a Broadway background, a well thought out plot tells in amusing fashion the story of the ripening of a boy and girl romance. But of course the path of true love is always strewn with broken glass—or something resembling it—and the trials that the pair of lovers encounter on their march to the realization of their dreams, fame and fortune, form the basis of the story. From vaudeville dancing in 1920 to ballet composing and thence to leading male dancer in his own jazz-ballet in 1939 is the rise of the genial Eddie Albert who turns in a most creditable performance throughout the film. Opposite him is the lovely, streamlined Broadway celebrity Zorina. She is most certainly a decided acquisition to Hollywood, her interpretations of the dance alone being sufficient to ensure her appearance in further pictures. She has everything that a dancer should have and is a most refreshing sight for sore eyes in this drab world. And then there is Alan Hale as the impoverished Sergei Alexandrovitch, scion of the noble Imperial Russian Ballet. He is superb and with his pseudo-Russian accent and is responsible for one laugh after another, while Leonid Kinskey does his very utmost to interpret to his listeners the truth or otherwise of the now well-known "nichevo" and "zavtra" outlooks of the Slav. The manner in which one Russian "proverb" after another rolls off his oily-coated tongue is tonic enough for a hospital and he contributes fully to the general excellence of the show. Jocular rib-digging at Old Russia enhances rather than detracts from the general high standard of the film and all who desire 100 minutes of good entertainment should make a point of visiting the Grand Theatre during the next few days.—P.B.G.

"Reno"

Bill Shear	Richard Dix
Jessie Gibbs	Gail Patrick
Mrs. Ryder	Anita Louise
John Banton	Paul Cavanagh
Mrs. Gardner	Laura Hope Crews
Judge Howard	Louis Jean Heydt
Abe Compass	Hobart Cavanaugh
Welch	Charles Halton
Flora McKenzie	Astrid Allwyn
Bonnie	Joyce Compton
Hezzy Briggs	Frank Faylen
George Fields	William Haade

'Reno" which opened at the Nanking Theatre yesterday, is the type of picture that is bound to be enthusiastically received by some and severely criticized by others, according to how one feels about Reno, "the biggest little city in the world," and the divorce laws which have made it famous. The reviewer is inclined to side with those mentioned in the first instance because—no matter how accurate or fictitious the historic facts may be—the script is lively and actually quite within the realm of possibilities. The story is likely to be commented upon as being of the "sob-stuff" variety, while others may be of the opinion that more action would have improved it. It is not difficult to conceive the idea which prompted the director of the picture to give emphasis to certain scenes, but one must see the picture all the way through to arrive at this conclusion. Mr. Richard Dix as Bill Shear, the lawyer who made of Reno the divorce Mecca it is, and Miss Gail Patrick as his wife who loves him and nevertheless gets a divorce from him against the wishes of both, are ably supported by Miss Anita Louise as Mrs. Ryder, who makes most of a small part that has been assigned to her in this picture.

"Air Waves," an interesting visit to a broadcasting studio, and "Truth Aches" a comedy of the silly variety, fill out a programme which may become the subject of much controversy in Shanghai during its run here, but which the reviewer is inclined to rate as first class entertainment that it would be a real pity to miss.—A.S.I.

Oil Expropriation Must Stand, Says Cardenas

Agreement with France Over Merchandise

Mexico City, Jan. 31.

President Cardenas reiterated today that oil expropriation must stand. Addressing a conference of foreign correspondents at the National Palace, he declared that the legality of expropriation was now unquestionable. Therefore suggestions to refer the matter to international arbitration were outside the bounds of possibility.

The President revealed that Mexico had completed satisfactory arrangements with Franco for shipment, without interference, of merchandise bought in Germany before the war.—Reuter.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MEMBERS of the Shanghai Reel Club are reminded that there will be no practice at the Shanghai Cricket Club this evening.

MESSRS. C. S. Bang and W. F. S. Fang have been appointed Junior Assistant Advocates—Chinese, on probation from February 1 and March 1, 1940, respectively.

THE February issue of the "China Digest," which incorporates "Spotlite," has been received, containing a number of interesting articles culled from the world's press and topical subjects.

FOLLOWING many years of experiments, Mr. Huang Tien-ning, a Chinese student in Haimen, Kiangsu has invented a light hand-loom which is capable of spinning cloth of coarse and fine textures, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE newly-completed Szechuen-Yunnan highway will be formally declared open to traffic at a ceremony in Kunming today, says a message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Passenger tickets, however, will not yet be sold pending the arrival of more buses, the report adds.

THE Chekiang Provincial Government has abolished the "special commodity tax" levied upon certain classes of exports from the province as the result of a petition from the General Chamber of Commerce of the province and various public bodies, says the "Sin Wan Pao." The tax was introduced by the provincial government upon instructions from the Ministry of Finance.

A JOINT wire to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, reaffirming their support of the policy of national resistance, was sent by overseas Chinese public bodies in Seattle yesterday, says a Chungking message to the "National Herald." The wire appealed for the consolidation of national unity and the redoubling of efforts to achieve China's final victory.

AFTER their monthly luncheon on Monday, Cardiff City Council members passed a resolution abolishing the lunches. By 21 votes to 19 they decided that for the duration of the war Council meetings shall begin at 2.30 p.m. instead of 11 a.m. and in face of strong opposition they also decided to "ration" speeches, allowing ten minutes for the mover of a resolution, and five minutes for other speakers.

THE man, who taught Amy Johnson to fly, died this week in a nursing home at the age of 37. He was Flying Officer Froude Matthews and he died from injuries caused when two planes collided at Gravesend on May 12 last year. A few years ago he tried to break the England to Australia record, but was forced down by a hurricane in Malaya, when ahead of schedule. He completed the flight, but did not break the record.

OWING to prevailing conditions in Shanghai, it has been decided by the National Thrift Movement Association that savings bonds shall not be issued for circulation in Shanghai, according to well-informed local Chinese financial circles, says the "Sin Wan Pao." In Hongkong, however, the bonds are being sold by the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank and other authorized banks, with the approval of the Hongkong Government.

ALLOCATIONS made by the American Advisory Committee from 1937 to the end of 1939, to the various local committees all over China, amounted to a grand total of U.S.$117,602.40, H.K.$3,000 and C.N.$3,397,966.82. These sums were used as relief for destitute Chinese civilians, for food, clothing, shelter and required medical aid, according to the rules and regulations of the Church Committee for China Relief, New York, who sent the funds for relief work in China.

ROLLED tobacco produced in Shanghai for which consolidated tax, classes 1 and 2, is being paid, will be prohibited from being exported to, and sold in, Chinese-controlled areas, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Finance, says the "Sin Wan Pao." Rolled tobacco for which consolidated tax, classes 3 and 4, is being paid, will be permitted, as heretofore, to enter Chinese-controlled areas, accompanied by Chinese Customs clearance papers.

THE Navy Y.M.C.A. wishes to acknowledge with sincere thanks the donation of books, magazines, etc., received from the following persons during the month of January:—Miss A. Viola Smith, Mrs. A. M. D'Aquino, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. P. H. Bordwell, Mrs. O. Klink, H. A. Raider, Mrs. L. Tucker, D. W. Edwards, I. Rozario, Mrs. J. B. Davies, M. A. Ferras, Mrs. A. L. Barrett, Mrs. E. F. Rauch, and others. The Navy Y.M.C.A. is always pleased to receive books and magazines for use among Service men.

THE Missions to Seamen acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts of books and magazines during the month of January from the following:—"North China Daily News," The "Shanghai Times," The "China Press." "Lloyd's Register of Shipping." B.W.A., Ewo Junior Mess, Palace Hotel, Sir Robert Calder Marshall, Messrs. G. A. Haley, W. J. B. Carter, R. L. Herman, H. S. Hersee, Arthur Grant, E. R. Buckley, Geo. T. Lloyd, W. H. Widdowson. Mesdames P. Heath, Hutcheon, Claud Ivery, A. M. Piquet, F. W. Clifton, G. S. Weigall, Trimby, McDaniel, Meatheral, J. S. Hay, C. Fletcher.

FOR 800 years, with almost unbroken regularity, the kings of England have placed their Epiphany gifts before the altar of the Chapel Royal, St. James' Palace. On Saturday our King followed the tradition, and his gift was 25 golden sovereigns. The myrrh, supplied by the Royal House Physician, is later sent to a hospital for the treatment of throat and mouth affections, and the Frankincense is given to a church where incense is burned. Two Gentlemen Ushers of the King performed the ceremony on Saturday by kneeling before the altar and placing on a gold plate a scarlet bag tied with a cord of gold. Until 1758 our kings went in person to the Chapel.

Salvation Army's Drive Under Way

$58,000 Already Received In Annual Campaign for Working Funds

Launching the annual campaign for funds with which to carry on the Salvation Army's work in Shanghai at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club at the Metropole Hotel at noon yesterday, Brig. Morris, the guest of honour, announced that $53,000 towards the $60,000 goal of the drive had already been received. The announcement was heartily applauded by the 150 members and guests present and Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, Mr. S. W. Wolfe, President of the club, Mr. G. W. Boissevain, Netherlands Consul-General, and Mr. E. F. Harris urged that Shanghailanders should go to the fullest extent in sending contributions to the Salvation Army which has been doing such remarkable work.

After disposing of the business matters of the meeting, Mr. Wolfe sketched a vivid picture of the excellent work done by the organization not only in Shanghai but in the rest of the world as well. He added that the Rotary Club was closely linked to the Salvation Army, particularly since General Carpenter of Toronto, Canada, who has been a Rotarian for many years, is now at the head of the Salvation Army.

A short song about the rice bus and written to the tune of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" was then rendered by Brig. Morris and everyone present joined in the chorus.

Ex-Convicts Looked After

In addressing the meeting, Brig.-Gen. Macnaghten said that he probably knew the Salvation Army longer than anyone present.

"The Salvation Army", he said, "is the greatest and best organized charity organization the world has ever known and it deserves the fullest support". The speaker then referred to the excellent work done by Brig. Morris and his helpers in Shanghai in dealing with refugees, beggars and discharged convicts. The latter, he added, were awaited at the door of Ward Road Goal by workers of the Army and were supplied with clothing and, if necessary, with money to return to their homes. Those who had nowhere to go and were without means, were usually admitted to refugee camps. Particular reference was also made to the 20 odd condemned men now at Ward Road Goal, who are particularly pleased about the Army workers' periodical visits to which they always look forward.

Mr. Boissevain, after referring to the early impressions which he had had of the Salvation Army in his youth when he considered it a theatrical organization, said that all these conceptions had been swept away by the work he had seen accomplished in all parts of the world. He pointed to one particular peculiarity of the Army's work in that it acts first, confident that the public will help once they have started. As an example, he cited the generous response given to the recent appeal for money for the "hot rice campaign." "Where they lead", Mr. Boissevain concluded amidst general applause, "it should be a privilege to follow."

In introducing Brig. Morris, Mr. Wolfe in a few words outlined his career. Born in Salisbury, Brig. Morris joined the Salvation Army 32 years ago as a cornet bandman. He was commissioned as a probationary Officer of the Army in 1909 and then worked in London for 5 years. During the war, he was a member of the R.A.M.C., seeing service on many fronts including Serbia, Macedonia and Palestine, having been in 22 engagements without being wounded or ill. Later, Brig. Morris became a training officer in the Army's International Training College in London, subsequently undergoing medical training himself at the Livingstone College of Medicine in London. In 1921, he came to this country and following a term of duty in North China, he was transferred to Nanking in 1935 to pioneer the Army's work there until 1937 when he came to Shanghai.

In addressing the meeting, Brig. Morris said that in his career as an officer of the Salvation Army, he had never been confronted with so many and such intricate problems as was the case in this city.

Initiative Required

One of the main qualities required of a Salvation Army officer, Brig. Morris said, was initiative and not a single worker of the organization received a salary, being merely given an allowance to cover living expenses. "The life of a Salvation Army Officer", Brig. Morris added, "is a life of poverty." He recalled that when the founder of the Army died some years ago, he only left £409 whereas he had handled funds going into millions.

In speaking of the Army's work in Shanghai, Brig. Morris stated that a total of $323,118.28 had been spent in 1939. He also referred to the successful operation of the beggar camp in the French Concession which had ridded that part of the city of all beggars. In all, 8,011 had been admitted since the camp was first opened and since then 7,422 had been repatriated to their homes.

Expressing his thanks for the many contributions received by the Army in the past years, Brig. Morris spoke of the case, the saddest he had come across in his entire career, of an Arabian woman who came to him some time ago with 9 children. The woman's husband had died and she was absolutely without means. "Thanks to the generous donations received from the Shanghai public, we were able to help her out of her plight," he added.

Three meals a day, Brig. Morris continued, were served at the Amoy Road home for 37.5 cents while at the Yang Terrace Hostel complete accommodation can be obtained for $1.50 per day.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Mr. E. F. Harris said that an all-round effort should be made this year to double the contributions towards the campaign because the more money that could be procured, the more work could be done. He recalled that incomes had increased in Shanghai and that consequently it should not be too much of a strain for anyone to double his last year's contribution which would nett the Salvation Army $120,000, instead of the minimum of $60,000 asked for.

Meanwhile, over $1,700, of which $726 were received by the "North-China Daily News", were added yesterday to the funds for the Army's "hot rice campaign against starvation" and two vans distributed hot packets of rice and salted vegetables, nearly 3,000 beggars being thus fed.

Contributions

Chi. Adm.	$10,000	Shai. Race C.	2,180
Int. Rel. C.	3,000	Yee Tsoong Ld	2,000
Caisse Oeuvre	3,000	H. & S. Bk.	1,500

U.S. Naval Building Budget Approved

Washington, Jan. 31.

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has tentatively approved a three-year building programme of approximately $655,000,000. This provides for 21 new warships, compared with 77 proposed in the original programme.—Reuter.

Sentry Hits Coolie on Head with Iron Bar

Bowing Operation Cause of Chapoo Road Bridge Tilt

The ceremonial bow—known in Chinese as "chü kung"—precipitated a minor incident on the Chapoo Road Bridge on Wednesday evening, and as a result a Chinese coolie was yesterday nursing a broken pate, although he was not seriously injured.

The deferential bow from the waist is exacted by Japanese sentries from such Chinese, equipped with passes, as traverse the Garden, Chapoo Road and Szechuen Road Bridges. At 5 p.m. on Wednesday an elderly coolie who was leaving Hongkew to enter the Central district by way of the Chapoo Road Bridge exhibited his pass and paused to pay the required homage to the Japanese naval sentry posted at the crown of the bridge. The Chinese was carrying a rather longish bamboo pole over one shoulder and as he was giving the sentry a very respectful bow, one end of the pole accidentally touched the Japanese lightly on the head.

According to reports, the sentry became angry over the touch and, picking up an iron bar which was handy, struck the coolie with it on the head. The frightened Chinese hot-footed it to the south end of the bridge, bleeding from the scalp. An ambulance was called and he was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Kiukiang Road.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon three Chinese coolies were said to have been injured slightly in a fight with Japanese in Hongkew. They were treated at the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic, Range Road.

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Sir V. Sassoon	1,000	Ander. Mey. Ld.	100
Christian F.	1,000	"E.J.M."	100
Chiyo Yoko	1,000	I. E. Roberts	100
C. M. Myers	500	Miss H. Taylor	50
Sassoon Bkg.	500	A. Sadoc	50
C. F. Thomas	500	Sassoon & Co.	50
S.F.A.	500	J. MacBeth	50
China Soap	400	D. Campbell	50
Sun Co.	400	G. F. Andrew	50
Ander. Clay.	400	C. F. B. Black	50
Alum. Roll.	400	"H.G.R."	50
S. Tele. Co.	350	C. C. Squires	50
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M. Speelman	300	W. Hamilton	50
S. Elec. Co.	300	P. F. LeFevre	50
W. Harper	300	Louise Chun	40
Shai. Power Co.	275	W. H. Hudspeth	40
Imp. Chem. Ind.	250	"H.F.P."	30
Chartered Bk.	233	Rent. Watson	25
Wattie & Co.	250	M. Sternberg	25
Nat. City Bk.	250	A. Meyerink	25
Gen. Motors	250	D. Webb	25
Melchers & Co.	250	Anon	25
Carlowitz & Co.	250	R. Lock	25
A. S. Henchman	250	D. Gibson	25
B. L. Hallford	201	J. M. Cook	25
Velkart Bros.	200	N. J. Karanjia	25
China A.B.C.U.	200	T. Crosthwaite	25
T. O. Shmid	200	Amer. Chi. Friends	25
Jardine M. Co.	200	Anon	25
Waterworks Co.	200	G. M. Cameron	25
Henningsen Co.	200	"W.B."	25
R. J. Grant	200	A. W. Buck	25
U. G. Frondorf	200	G. A. Johnston	25
Benjamin	200	A. R. Eisenbut	25
A. R. Burkill	200	F. C. Stoker	20
R. Heyn	200	A. Jones	20
Reuter, Brock.	200	Hans Koch	20
T. Knudtzon	200	T. G. Drakeford	20
Bunge & Co.	150	P. W. A. Wilkie	20
Ford Motor Co.	150	V. R. Butts	20
T. S. Powell	150	P. Hiet	20
Siemssen & Co.	150	R. Rodenfuser	20
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Hunt & Co.	100	E. R. Girard	15
Amer. As.	100	H. C. Glover	10
Netherlands	100	G. Marchand	-
G. E. Marden	250	D. M. Drake	10
Olivier-Chine	100	T. E. Lopato	10
W. Triebig	100	Golubvathnikeff	-
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Swan. Culb.	100	J. A. Gavrilof	10
Ekman For. A.	100	James Y. Choye	10
L. Dreyfus Cie	100	E. Kask	10
R. Laurenz	100	A. J. Toon	10
G. Roehreke	100	F. M. Mann	10
Arnhold Trad.	100	M. Jacobsen	10
G. T. Fulford	100	J. G. Forbes	10
Walbel & Co.	100	D. W. MacEwen	10
Banque Ind.-Ch.	100	J. B. Brown	10
Harr. K. & Ir.	100	N. Burns	8
C. E. Gauss	100	N. Dawson	5.40
E. Asiatic Co.	100	V. Lundgren	5
Palm. & Turn.	100	Mrs. R. Friedman	5
Texas Co.	100	"F.F.F."	5
A.P.C.	100	F. Aycott	5
Macnaghten	100	D. McL. Wheeler	5
G. Boissevain	100	G. B. Shick	2
Stansfield	100		
J. Turner	100		
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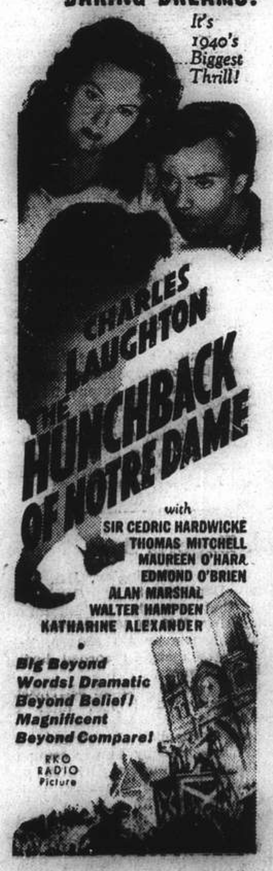

Chinese Witness Censured

H. M. Coroner Says Crank Death Due to F.E.S. Co. Manager's Stupidity in Losing His Head

A CHINESE witness, who had given evidence in H.M. Police Court on Monday when the inquest was resumed on Probationary Sergeant Duncan Ernest Crank, was severely criticized yesterday by Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Corner, for his part in the shooting affair, which occurred in the General Post Office compound on January 10, as a result of which P.-S. Crank died in the General Hospital on January 16. The witness was Mr. Peter T. C. Bau, manager of the Far Eastern Sanitary Co. In returning a verdict of "death by misadventure" Mr. Haines referred to Bau's firing of one shot during an altercation with coolies in the compound. "It is rather unfortunate that a young officer should lose his life through the stupidity of a Chinese, who cannot control himself," he said. "The whole trouble, in my opinion, was due to this Chinese losing his head. If he had not done so, this thing would never have occurred."

Only one witness gave evidence at the enquiry. He was Det.-Serg. W. G. Stevens and he told the Coroner that at about 12.10 p.m. on January 10 he was called to the Post Office. He went to the Soochow Road entrance, he stated, and he was informed that a foreign police officer had been shot.

"I Have Been Shot"

Witness went to the third floor of the building where he saw sergeant Crank sitting in a chair in the passage near to the lift. After he had been asked what had happened, Sergeant Crank replied, "I have been shot." In reply to a question about the person who had done the shooting, Crank replied that he had been shot by a C.P.C. Asked where he had been shot, Sergeant Crank stated, "Don't question me. Will you get an ambulance?"

Det.-Sergt. Stevens, continuing, said that he saw a small pistol on a table beside Crank. The weapon was not loaded and a magazine, containing four rounds, was on the table beside it. Witness then took Sergeant Crank's service pistol which, upon examination, proved to be unloaded. There was a magazine containing six rounds in the butt, but there was no round in the breech. A magazine in Crank's overcoat, witness said, also contained six rounds.

Before giving his verdict, Mr. Haines stated that the evidence he had taken had made it quite clear to him that the death of Duncan Ernest Crank was caused by a shot fired by C.P.C. 1289. "I am quite satisfied that he had no intention whatever of firing this shot," the Coroner stated.

Lost His Head

"The trouble seems to have been this: that Bau, manager of the Far Eastern Sanitary Co., had a quarrel with some Post Office coolies and, in order to frighten them, pulled out a pistol and fired a shot. Foreign Sergeant Crank and C.P.C. 1289 were standing outside and naturally thought that there was an armed robbery and they decided to do what they could to arrest the person.

"Bau was being held by a Chinese police watchman and they attempted to get the pistol from him but C.P.C. 1289 inadvertently fired his pistol. He told a lie to the police when he was questioned. Yesterday he told me what I believe to be substantially the truth. He was afraid of owning up that he had actually fired inadvertently.

"The whole trouble was due to this Chinese, Bau, losing his head. If he had not done so, this thing would not have occurred. It is rather unfortunate that a young officer should lose his life through the stupidity of a Chinese, who cannot control himself."

The verdict was as follows: "Duncan Ernest Crank died in the General Hospital, Shanghai, on January 16. The cause of death was a gunshot wound in the right liver and kidney, inflicted by C.P.C. 1289. Death was due to misadventure. I am not apportioning any blame to the C.P.C. 1289."

Inaccuracies in a report of the inquest, which appeared in the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury", on Tuesday last, were criticized by Mr. Haines at the conclusion of the enquiry.

The report to which Mr. Haines referred appeared under the heading, "Pistol Dropped in British Court." "My attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," the Coroner stated. "In this report it was said 'Det.-Insp. J. T. Shields had dropped a pistol which the Coroner did not want to see on the floor while trying to explain what happened.'

"That was not a correct report of what happened. One of the police witnesses was given a small pistol and the magazine fell on the floor. It was not dropped by Mr. Shields at all. Furthermore, it gives a wrong impression," Mr. Haines added in referring to the first paragraph in the report. "I would like that to be corrected, because it gives a wrong impression and I can't understand how it got in, in that form," he concluded.

Long Crime Calendar Ascribed to Gunmen

Nine Suspects Arrested After Chow Home Affair

Through the efforts of members of Crime Branch Headquarters of the Shanghai Municipal Police, altogether nine Chinese were in custody yesterday accused of belonging to the desperate gang which on January 25 sought to rob the house of Dr. P. T. Chow, the manager of a large Chinese dispensary, in Lane 214 Yates Road.

On that date four men, three of whom carried pistols, spent over an hour in Dr. Chow's residence but were captured by police from the Chengtu Road Station when a servant managed to give the alarm. No shots were fired by either the police or the suspects.

In addition to these four, Headquarters detectives have now captured five others and it is reported that the gang has been responsible for the commission of at least fourteen robberies while armed, one attempted kidnapping likewise under arms, and thirteen extortion cases in which threatening letters were sent to the victims.

The prisoners are on remand from the First Special District Court while detectives are completing their widely ramified inquiries.

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Dominions' Efforts Please Commons

South Africa, Rhodesia Giving Valuable Help In War Struggle

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 1.

Reports received by members of the House of Commons, regarding war efforts in the Dominions, have caused intense satisfaction, it is stated by Reuters' Lobby Correspondent.

South Africa's readiness to assist African colonies in danger of aggression, and the rapid development of her land forces, is noted.

The fact that South African places have greatly assisted the British Navy in operating in that part of the world is also commented upon.

Members of the House also greatly praised the efforts Southern Rhodesia is making.

The importance of the co-operation of the Dominions in regard to finance exchange control, licensing of exports and imports, manufacture of armaments, economic warfare, negotiation of trade agreements with neutral countries in Europe, and contraband control, is felt to be a powerful factor in determining the issue of the war.

This co-operation, it is said, has already reached a stage far exceeding anything that occurred in the last war.—Reuter.

Emergency Bill Carried

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Capetown, Feb. 1.

General Smuts, the Prime Minister, was frequently interrupted by the Opposition when he replied in the debate on the Emergency Bill in the House of Assembly yesterday. At times, the entire Opposition appeared to be shouting and talking.

The Premier declared that anyone who thought the Government had acted because it feared an English rebellion, or was under pressure by the English section, was living in a dream world.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. W. B. Madeley, said he was horrified at the mere idea of South Africa making a separate peace.

The first reading of the Bill was carried.—Reuter.

Gang of Godown Thieves Rounded Up

Japanese Suffered Heavily Through Burglaries

Since the arrest on December 2 of two men known as Hsia Wu-tze, 21, and Hsia Wu-tzu, 28, at No. 42 Avenue Edward VII, as alleged leaders of a gang of godown burglars, 29 others have been nabbed for complicity, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

Alleged to have been in collusion with coolies in the employ of a furniture moving company on Peking Road, the gang looted houses, godowns and factories of Japanese in the neighbourhood of Dixwell and Yangtszepoo Roads, during the past two or three months, the paper said.

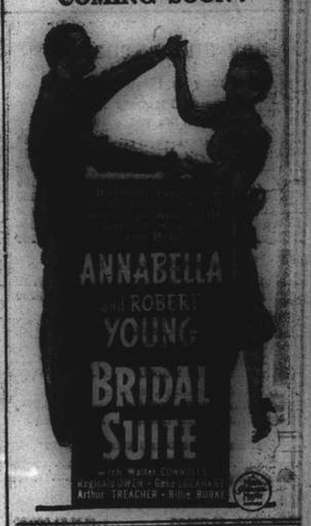
Breaking into the buildings at about 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning, they committed more than 30 thefts which netted about Y.80,000 worth of loot according to the journal.

Arrests revealed that Chen A-liu, 30, accused leader of another thieving gang, had fled to Chingkiang when he heard of Hsia's capture.

Nine Hundred Strike At Silk Filature

Nine hundred workers at the Chong Foo silk filature, a Chinese establishment at 21 Ferry Road, were on strike yesterday, the only case of labour unrest reported in the International Settlement. These workers walked out on Wednesday. There were no disturbances in connection with the strike.

COMING SOON!



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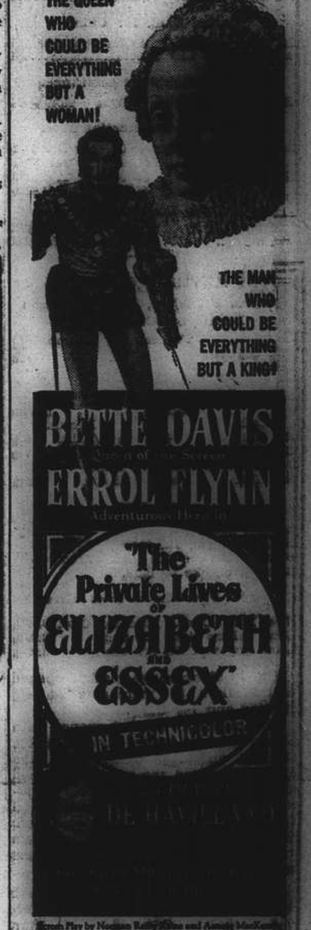

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 9/16d.		$ 52.60
U.S. $100 @ 7 9/16		$1,322.31
Francs	335	$100
Yen	32⅛	100
Guilders ..	14⅛	100
Rupees	25¼	100
Pesos	15⅛	100
Hongkong	$30½	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 11/16d.	$ 51.20
U.S. $100 @ 7 13/16	$1,280.00
London—demand, $1=	4 11/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 23/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4 25/32d.
6 months' sight credits	4¾d.
6 months' sight docts	4 13/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7 13/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7⅞
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$8

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 4 7/16d. U.S. $7⅜
Hongkong/London 1/2⅞

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Netherlands Guilders	Buying	14¾
Java Guilders	,,	14⅝
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	14¼
Java Guilders	,,	14⅛

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Selling U.S.$100=$1,322.314 £1=$52.602

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Tourist Lire 1.80 .... $1

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Sterling	Selling Rate	@ 6d	per	H.H.$ 1
,,	Buying ,,	@ 6 1/32	,,	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$	Selling ,,	@ 9 11/32	,,	H.H.$100
,,	Buying ,,	@ 10 1/32	,,	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate @ 131 per H.H.$100
Buying ,, @ 136 ,, H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	4⅝	Lowest	4 19/32
U.S. G.$		7 11/16		7 9/16
Yen		—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING		BUYING	
Cash		February	
£ T.T.	4 7/16	4 m/s. l.c.	4 9/16
G.$ T.T.	7⅜	4 m/s. l.c.	7½
Fcs. T.T.	325	4 m/s.	340
Rs. T.T.	24¾	15 d/s.	25¼

ODD LOTS

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	21⅝	21⅝
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	57.06	—
Bombay offtake 50 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.99½
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.99⅛
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.99⅜

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 19/32 sterling and 7⅝ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with purely nominal sellers for cash at 4⅝ sterling and 7 11/16 U.S.$. From the opening onward the market declined almost continuously, ultimately reaching the low level of 4 19/32 sterling and 7 19/32 U.S.$. Towards the close there was a slight recovery but rates again relapsed and closed with best sellers at:—

4 19/32	sterling	7 19/32	U.S.$	Cash
4 19/32	,,	7 19/32	,,	Feb.
4 19/32	,,	7 17/32	,,	Mar.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Jan. 31.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	79¼	London	1/5 21/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	27⅛	,, (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	83¾	,, (buyers)	1/6 1/16
		Japan	
		2 mths	
		,, (sellers)	80
		,, (buyers)	79

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4⅞d
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6 3/32
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/2 31/32
Amsterdam	7.53	Singapore	2/4 3/32
Brussels	23.65	Yokohama	1/2 5/8
Madrid	39.00	,, (buying)	1/2 11/16
Milan	78.25	Prague	—
Berne	17.85		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	87.625
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.26¼	Shanghai	7.85
Brussels	16.97½	Hungary	Unq.
Italy	5.05	Rumania	Unq.
S'zerland	22.42	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82½	Greece	0.73¾
Norway	22.72½	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.32½	Finland	1.85
London			3.99½
,, Demand			3.99¼
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
,, ,, ,, market rate			22.90
Montreal on London			4.55⅞

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Jan. 31.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1⅛%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Jan. 31.

A dull and listless trend prevailed on the Paris Bourse today, with most stocks remaining at or near their previous levels.

During the session, what little trading there was died down and stocks closed practically unchanged from yesterday.—Havas.

Silver Quotations

London, Feb. 1.

A further advance in silver prices was recorded today, with quotations fixed as follow:—

	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
London spot	21⅜d.	21¾d.
,, forward	21⅜d.	21 11/16d.
,, gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

Yesterday's Closing

London/New York	U.S.$4.0250	59.627d.
New York/London	3.99½	60.08d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Because of the weakness of exchange and the strength of the commodity, practically the whole of the market's attention was centred on Rubber shares, in which for the short afternoon's session, the turnover and general firmness was phenomenal. All issues a participated and 10 per cent. rises for most shares were registered. While business in Industrials was by comparison small, nevertheless the undertone was extremely firm, with the rise of Ewos to 36 outstanding.

Official Averages

1940			Today's	
High	Low		Averages	Change
261.15	105.32	General	250.84	+ 0.90
398.91	95.55	Rubbers	390.51	+14.55

Total 329,123 shares, 120 bonds.

Afternoon Session

Power 5½% Debs.					12000	87.50
Central Prop.			300	17.80	200	*17.80
I. I. Trust			1500	*16.50	1000	16.50
	500	*16.50	500	16.40	6000	16.50
	500	16.60				
S'hai Loan			500	*18.90	1000	18.80
	500	*18.90	1500	18.90	500	19.00
Yangtsze Finance					1000	*13.80
	4500	13.80	1500	13.70	500	*13.80
	3000	13.80				
Int. Assurance					2500	13.10
China Realty			500	*9.60	500	9.60
	500	9.50	500	*9.60	500	9.60
	500	9.55	3000	9.60	500	*9.60
S'hai Land			500	15.50	1000	15.60
	1000	*15.70	3000	15.70	500	15.60
	500	15.70	2000	15.60	500	15.70
New Eng. (Ord)			100	28.50	500	28.25
	100	*28.50	900	28.50	2000	28.25
	100	28.50	1900	28.25	200	*28.25
Wheelock			700	81.00	400	80.50
	400	*80.50				
C. G. Omnibus			2200	24.75	100	*25.00
	1000	25.00				
S'hai Gas			200	15.50	500	15.40
	900	15.50				
Telephone			1400	26.00	100	26.50
	100	26.50				
Tram (Bearer) £1					200	46.00
	200	46.25	100	46.50	100	46.25
S. W. W. "A" £20			10	890.00	10	890.00
Metal			1900	22.75	100	*22.75
	100	22.50	200	22.75	600	22.50
Kaiping			300	53.00	200	52.50
Lumber			600	53.00	100	53.50
	200	54.00	300	53.00		
Exploration			1000	11.50	1500	11.40
	500	11.30	500	11.30	1000	11.1
	500	*11.00	500	11.00	1000	11.10
	500	11.20	1000	11.10		
Power (Pref)			60	129.50	30	130.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1300	35.50	100	*35.50
	700	35.75	500	36.00	100	*35.75
	1000	36.00	100	*35.75	100	36.00
Anglo Dutch			500	24.00	100	24.50
Anglo Java			1500	47.50	800	48.00
	200	48.50	800	48.25	700	48.50
	700	48.75	400	48.25	100	*48.50
	1100	48.50	300	48.25		
Ayer Tawan					1000	8.25
Batu Anam			2000	2.45	1000	2.40
	1000	2.42½				
Bute			500	11.40	500	*11.50
	2000	11.50				
Chemor			1000	4.00	1000	4.10
	1000	*4.10	3000	4.15	2000	*4.15
	7000	4.10				
Cheng			4000	*1.48	4000	1.48
	3000	1.50	4000	1.52	3000	†1.52
	3000	1.50				
Consolidated			500	10.90	2000	11.10
	2000	11.20				
Java Consolidated					1000	6.50
	3000	6.60	1000	*6.70	100	6.50
Kota			2000	7.50	1000	*7.45
	2000	7.50				
Kroewoek			10000	3.65	7000	*3.65
	2000	3.70	8000	3.75	1000	3.77½
	1000	3.75				
Langkat			2500	31.50	200	31.75
	1400	31.50	100	*31.50	500	31.7
	100	*31.75	200	31.50	500	*31.75
	100	31.75	100	*31.50	100	31.7
Padang			1000	3.90	1000	3.9
	4000	4.00	2000	*3.95	2000	*4.00
	1000	4.00	2000	3.95	1000	*4.00
	1000	4.00	1000	3.95	1000	3.97½
	2000	3.95				
Repah			2000	2.25	300	2.22½
	2000	2.25	4000	*2.25	2000	2.27½
	1000	*2.25	1000	2.27½	1000	*2.25
	1000	2.30	400	2.25	1000	2.20
	1000	2.22½	1000	2.25	1000	2.22½
Rubber Trust			500	11.00	500	11.30
	2000	11.50	500	11.40		
Samagaga			3000	2.55	6000	*2.55
Semambu			1000	2.40	1000	2.47½
Senawang			3000	*3.00	4000	3.0
	3000	2.95	2000	2.97½	4000	2.90
Kelantan			19000	1.60	5000	1.58
	2000	*1.60	1000	1.60	1000	1.5
Seremban					2000	3.9
Sumatra			200	*34.25	100	34.0
	100	*34.00				
Sua Manggis					1000	3.50
Sungala					1000	10.20
Sungei Duri					300	73.00
Tanah Merah					3000	4.90
Tebong			1000	2.45	3000	*2.50
	15000	2.50	4000	2.45	1000	*2.47½
	4000	2.47½	1000	2.45	1000	*2.42½
	2000	2.47½	1000	2.42½		
Ziangbe			400	35.00	200	*35.00
	100	35.25	300	35.00	1000	35.25
Cathay Land					2000	5.00

ODD LOTS

Wheelock					50	*81.50
S'hai Land			100	*15.60	200	15.8
	200	15.50				
I. I. Trust			250	16.40	100	16.70
New Eng. (Ord)					50	28.75
Int. Assurance					200	13.00
Telephone					30	28.00
China Realty			131	9.50	200	*9.55
	2	*9.50				
S'hai Loan					100	19.00
Exploration					100	11.00

*—Direct Business.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 1	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.185		.185	
Antamok	.17	S	.18	S
Baguio Gold	.23		.23	S
Batong Buhay	.013		.013	
Benguet Consolidated	5.50	*	—	
Big Wedge	.20		.20	
Coco Grove	.14		.14	
Consolidated Mines	.0035		.004	S
Demonstration	.125		.13	S
East Mindanao	.10		.10	S
I X L	.39		.39	
Ipo Gold	.125		.125	
Itogon	.265	S	.26	S
Masbate Consolidated	.105		.105	
Mine Operations	.105		.105	
North Camarines	.11	S	.11	S
Paracale Gumaus	.225	S	.225	S
San Mauricio	.81		.82	S
Surigao Consolidated	.175		.175	
Suyoc	.13		.13	
Syndicate Investment	.025		.025	
United Paracale	.30		.305	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.095		.095	S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.
Turnover for the Morning: 226,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 76.91.
—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Jan. 31.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write:—The week opened with a fall in silver prices, but a little Indian speculative buying caused a slight recovery. Subsequent movements were sharply downward, due mainly to the absence of support, following a heavy decline in Bombay.

Today, however, sellers held back and an upward reaction occurred.—Reuter.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Jan. 31.

The American Petroleum Institute of New York, in its weekly report issued today, estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended January 27 totalled 3,612,000 barrels. This shows a decrease of 25,000 barrels from last week, but an increase of 364,000 barrels compared with the corresponding week of last year.

The daily average gross output for the week ended January 20 was placed at 3,637,000 barrels.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Jan. 31.

Conditions on the New York Stock Exchange today were sluggish, with leadership lacking and activity mostly confined to a handful of low-priced issues. Price movements consisted mostly of minor fractions eitherway.

While earnings reports were good, industrial news failed to provide any incentives. Steels were restrained by expectations of a further contraction of mill activity, whilst the United States Steel statement somewhat disappointed the market.

Aircrafts and motors ruled narrow, while coppers showed a neglected appearance, owing to talk of a recent weakening of the price structure. Rails were steady on predictions of an increase in car loadings. Merchandising were supported on the Federal Reserve Bank's estimate of inventories of department stores in the metropolitan District showing a decrease of one per cent. on December 31, compared with the previous year. Meanwhile, the absence of important selling was an encouraging factor.

The volume of trading today amounted to 610,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	145.91	145.12	145.33	—0.30
20 Rails	30.73	30.53	30.56	—0.16
15 Utilit.	24.90	24.65	24.70	—0.23
40 Bonds	—	—	89.28	—0.02
11 Commod.	—	—	58.55	—0.15

Jan.	30	31	Jan.	30	31
Adams Exp	7¾	7⅝	Jones & L	58½	57⅜
Alg Lud	20½	20½	Kennecott	35½	35
Alld Stores	8	8¼	Lak F & M	*4	4
Allis Chal	36	35¾	Libbey O F	48⅝	*48½
Alum Ld	103½	100½	Lockheed	30⅜	30½
Amer Can	*115	115½	Loew's	35½	35⅜
Am Cyn B	34⅞	34½	Mack Trks	24½	24¾
Am For Pr	1⅛	*1¼	Martin G	38	37
,, $7 pfd	23½	22½	McK & R	18⅜	*18¼
Am G & E	36½	36½	Monsanto	107	107
Am Loco	19¼	18⅝	Mont Ward	51½	51⅝
Am Metal	23	23	Nat C B	*29	*28¼
Am Radtr	9⅞	9¾	Nat Avian	12⅞	13
Am R Mill	15	15	Nat Dairy	16⅝	16⅝
Am Smltg	48⅛	47¾	Nat Dist	23⅝	23½
Am Sug R	20	20	Nat Gyp	11	10⅞
Am T & T	170½	170¼	Nat Lead	19½	19⅝
Am Tob B	88¾	89	Nat P & Lt	8	8
Am Wtrwks	10⅝	10½	Nat Steel	65	65⅜
Anaconda	27	26½	Nat Supply	8¾	8¾
Atchison	23	23¼	N Y Cent	16⅝	15⅞
Auburn	2½	2½	Niag Hud	5	5⅛
Bald Loco	15⅛	14	N A Avian	25½	24⅛
Baltimore	5½	5⅜	N Am Co	21⅝	21⅝
Barber	*14½	*14⅝	N Pacific	8½	8¼
Barnsdall	12¼	12¼	O I Glass	62½	62¾
Ben Avian	30½	30½	Pac G & E	33¾	34
Beth Steel	73⅜	72⅞	Pac Lightg	48½	47½
Bliss	13¼	*13¼	Packard	3¼	3⅜
Boeing	23⅜	23¼	Paramount	7½	7
Borg War	23½	23¼	Penn R R	21½	21½
Brid Brass	10¼	10⅜	Phelps	35½	35⅜
Briggs Mfg	19⅝	19¼	P & R Coal	*0⅜	*0⅜
Bkn-M Tr	14¼	15½	Phil Pet	40	39½
,, $6 pfd	51⅛	54¼	Pitts C & I	*7⅞	7½
Budd Mfg	5½	5⅜	P S of N J	41	41
Can Pacific	4⅞	5	Pullman	27	26½
Case J.I.	66½	67	Pure Oil	8⅜	8⅜
Celanese	26½	26¾	Radio	5⅛	5⅛
Chase N B	*34¼	*34½	Reading	15½	15¼
Ches & O	39⅜	39⅛	,, 1st pfd	*25½	*25
Chrysler	82	80¾	Rem Arms	*4⅛	*4⅛
Clim Mlyb	37⅜	37	Rep Avian	6	6
Colts	*79	*79	Rep Steel	19½	19½
Col G & E	6¼	6¼	Rev C & B	12⅛	12
,, 6% pfd	*89	89¼	Rey Tob B	40½	40⅜
Com Credi	47	47⅛	Richfield	7⅝	*7½
Com & Sth	1¼	1¼	Safeway	48	47⅛
Cons Eds	31⅞	32⅛	Schenley	12¼	12⅜
Cons Oil	7½	7	Sears Roeb	82½	83⅜
Cont Can	42⅝	42½	Shell U Oil	11½	11½
Cont Oil	24⅜	24⅛	Soc-Vac	11⅝	11½
Copwld St	16⅝	*16	Sthrn. Pac	13½	12⅞
Corn Prod	63½	63½	Sthrn Rly	31	30
Curtis Wr	10½	10	Sperry	45⅛	45⅝
,, A	28½	29⅜	Spicer	30½	*30½
Deere & Co	20⅜	20⅜	Std Brands	7	7½
Dist Cpn	19½	19½	Std Gas & E	2	1⅝
Douglas	82	81	Std Oil C	24½	24½
Du Pont	179¾	180	Std Oil N J	43⅜	43
Eag P Lead	10⅝	10½	Stone & W	10⅜	10⅜
Eaton Mfg	32⅜	32⅛	Studebaker	10⅛	10½
Elc A Lite	35½	35⅝	Swift Int	32	31½
Elec B & S	7⅜	6¾	Technicolor	14⅞	15
,, $5 pfd	*57	57	Tex Cpn	42⅝	42⅝
,, $6 pfd	*66½	66	Tex Gulf	33½	34½
Elec P & L	29½	29⅜	Tim D Axle	22	21⅝
Fisk Rub	13¾	14	Transamer	5½	5⅜
Flintkote	19	18⅞	Tw Cent F	11⅛	11½
Gen A Tr	*52	52	T C F pfd	*24⅛	24½
Gen Elec	38½	37⅞	Un Carbide	80¼	80⅜
Gen Motor	52½	52⅜	Un Pacific	94⅜	93⅞
Gen Rly	*16⅝	*16	Un Aircraft	47⅜	47½
Gen. T & R	21½	21½	Un Air L	15⅛	15½
Glidden	17¾	*17¾	Un Copn	2¼	2⅜
Goodrich	17	17⅛	,, $3 pfd	39⅜	39⅜
,, $5 pfd	*63¾	*63¾	Un Gas	1⅛	1¼
Goodyear	22½	22½	Un G Imp	14½	14⅝
Gt N I Ore	12⅝	13½	U S Ind Al	22	22
Gt N Rly	24	23¼	U S Rubber	35½	35½
Gt W Sugar	27⅜	27⅝	,, 8% pfd	111	110½
Greyhound	16⅝	16½	U S Steel	57⅜	56⅜
Herc Pow	*87½	89	Vanadium	30	30
Homestke	59	59½	Walworth	5½	5⅜
Int Harv	55	54	War Br Pic	3⅜	3⅜
Int Nickel	35¾	35½	West Elec	107⅜	108½
Int T & T	4½	*4	Woodward	22¾	*22¾
Johns Man	72	*71½			

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62¼	63
Baltimore & Ohio	24¼	*24½
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	20	20⅝
,, ,, 6½% 1957	16¼	16
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	83⅛	83½
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	14⅞	14¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43¼	43¼
New England Gas & Elec.	64½	*64½
Republic of Colombia	30	30
,, ,, (1928) 6s '61	30	30
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	45¾	45¾
Stand. Gas & Elec.	64	60½

*—Bid.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

The main body of stocks on Wall Street today moved narrowly in a dull turnover, while a few specials had swings ranging from fractions to more than three points. However, five minor issues accounted for most of the activity. The most active issue in today's session was Seabord Airline, which held around the previous close; the next in line was four-dollar Continental Motors and then Loft, Inc. Steels presented a mixed appearance, as the United States Steel earnings statement issued after the close yesterday disappointed hopes. Bethlehem Steel held its ground, while Wheeling Steel rose, gaining more than one point, because of a sharp rise in earnings. Automobiles sagged fractionally; rails were narrowly mixed; and, utilities ruled steady but dull.

Stocks: Again ruled heavy and dull, reflecting disappointment over the United States Steel showing and reports of further deterioration in general business.

STATISTICS

	Week Ended 27/1	Week Ended 20/1
Electricity Output (Edison Elec. Inst.'s)	2,566,000	2,572,000
	(kilowatt hours—000's omitted)	
Crude Oil Daily Average Production (Pet. Inst. of N.Y.'s)	3,612,000	3,637,000
	(barrels)	
Department of Labour's Wholesale Commodity Price Index	79.1	79.3
	(percent)	
	Dec.	Nov.
Index of Business Activity (Guaranty Trust Co.'s)	98.1	98.0
	Jan. 15	Dec. 15
Wholesale Commodity Price Index (Guaranty Trust Co.'s)	73.8	73.7

DIVIDENDS

Borden Co.	$0.20
Westinghouse Elec.	0.875

EARNINGS

Stock	Period	1939
DuPont de Nemours Y.	31/12	$7.70
Gen. Railway Signal	31/12	0.32
Pullman Inc.	31/12	1.00*

*—On capital stock outstanding.

Cotton: Foreign liquidation met advances, and the uncertainty over the Farm legislation prevents broad domestic participation at the moment. Spots and textiles were quiet.

Wheat: Despite large world supplies, sentiment is slowly turning bullish on possible crop damage and an indicated increase in war operations, but these factors are insufficient as yet to adopt a policy of aggressively following advances.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Jan. 31.

Apart from British gilt edged securities and home rails, which continued to quietly improve, other issues on the London Stock Exchange ruled irregular today, owing to a lack of buying interest.

However, losses were small in most cases, consisting only of a few pence.—Reuter.

	Jan. 30	31
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£98⅞	99

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan 1907	52½	51
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	56	54

Osaka, Feb. 1.

Kogo 5% Y.105.75

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	14/-	14/-
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	38/10½	38/10½
Austin Motors, ord.	15/9	16/6
Bristol Aeroplane	14/9	14/6
British American Tob.	102/6	102/6
Cable & W., new form	61	61
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/10½	7/10½
Courtaulds	35/-	34/10½
Distillers	68/3	68/3
Dunlop Rubber	29/3	29/1½
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/10½	76/10½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	76/6	76/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	14/1½	13/9
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/10½	30/7½
Imp. Tobacco	120/-	120/-
Leyland Motors	74/4½	74/4½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/1½	52/-
Pressed Steel, com.	15/1½	15/-
Rolls-Royce	83/9	83/9
Smethwick Drop Forgings	12/6	12/6
Tate & Lyle	54/6	54/6
Turner & Newall	65/10½	65/7½
United Steel	22/3	22/3
Vickers, ord.	18/7½	18/4½
Woolworths	61/-	60/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	24/-	24/-
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	33/3	33/3

MINES

Burma Corp.	9/9	9/9
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	15/9	15/6
Randfontein Ests.	34/4½	34/4½
Sub-Nigel	195/-	195/-
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	11/-	10/6

OILS

Anglo-Iranian	57/6	56/10½
Burmah	65/-	66/3
Mexican Eagle	6/3	5/10½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	78/9	78/1½

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£60	60
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	50	50
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	30	30
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	42	42
6% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	16	16
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	20	20
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% ,, ,, G.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	16	16
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	26½	26¾
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	8⅞
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	87	87½
,, ,, (Col. Reg.)	89	89
Mercantile Bank of India	11¾	11¾
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	18/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/3	1/3
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/3	21/3

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Jan. 18.

During the earlier part of the week under review there was a definite tendency for prices to ease, but sellers promptly withdrew at the lower levels. After a period of uncertainty, all markets improved on renewed demand, and a considerable amount of business has passed.

Locally, the market dropped to 37½ cents, but has since regained a portion of the fall, and the market is at present quietly steady with Spot about 38⅜ cents per lb.

Latest quotations to hand are as follows:—

Spot 38⅜ cents, down ⅝ cent.
London 11¾d., down ⅛d.
New York 19 U.S.A. cents, down ½ U.S.A. cent.

American consumption during December, 1939 at 48,400 tons was rather lower than estimated, but in view of the short working month is generally considered to be satisfactory. Full details of American statistics for December 1939 are as follows (in tons):—

	Dec. 1939	Nov. 1939	Dec. 1938
Stocks on last day of month	138,000	118,500	245,400
Afloat on last day of month	91,100	114,000	45,100
Consumption	48,400	54,300	45,300
Consumption of Reclaimed Rubber	15,600	18,000	12,300

At the auctions yesterday demand was good for all grades. Of 918 tons catalogued, 818 tons were offered and 562 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

	In Singapore per lb.
Ribbed Smoked Sheet:—	
Standard quality	38 —38¼
Good average quality	37½—37⅞
Fair average quality	36½—37⅜
Off quality	35⅞—36⅜
Sheet Cuttings	34½—36
Crepe:—	
Fine quality Pale	No Sales
Standard and slightly inferior	No Sales
Off-colour Latex	35⅝—36
Light Brown and Brown (Clean)	35¾—36¼
Milling Grades:—	
Cupwashings and skimmings	34⅝—35¼
Tree Scrap	24 —32½
Brown and Dark Crepe	32¼—35⅝
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	30¼—
Virgin Lump	29⅝—32⅝

Japan Exports Exceed Imports

Tokyo, Jan. 31.

Japan's overseas trade showed a favourable balance of Y. 8,633,000 the last 10 days in January, the Ministry of Finance estimated today. Exports were valved at Y. 25,515,000 and imports at Y.116,889,000.

Exports exceeded imports by Y.43,-474,000 in January.—Domei.

U.S. Silver Imports

New York, Jan. 31.

Silver to the total value of $1,755,-000 was imported by the United States during the week ended January 24, compared with $1,145,000 during the previous week.

Consignments of the white metal during the period under review were received from the following principal sources: Canada $190,000; Mexico $697,000; Peru $95,000; Bolivia $53,-000; Japan $676,000 and The Philippines $25,000.

Imports during the previous week came from the following principal countries: Canada $192,000; Mexico $440,000; Peru $44,000; Honduras $66,-000 and Bolivia $322,000.—Reuter.

U. S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Jan. 31.

The cotton market early advanced on speculative buying, shorts covering and better Bombay cables. Later, prices eased on profit taking, hedging and spot house and Liverpool selling. Finally, the market closed quiet on liquidation, with quotations ranging from 2 to 6 points down.

Prices in the rubber market today advanced on higher cables, some trade buying, shorts covering and an improved speculative demand. At the close, quotations ranged from 10 to 14 points up.

Wheat futures in Chicago today early moderately advanced on mill buying, but the market later mildly reacted on realizing, liquidation, poor exports and Eastern selling. At the final bell, losses of ½ to ⅝ cent were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	10.65-65 —03		
May	10.33-33 —05		
July	10.00-00 —05		
July (N.C.)	10.18 N —02	Mar.	18.75-79 +10
Oct. (N.C.)	9.39-39 —06	May	18.32-35 +14
		July	18.15-20 +10
Dec. (N.C.)	9.31 N —06		
Jan. (N.C.)	9.27 N —06		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar.	1.88-89 —1 B/A	Mar.	1.55-56 +1 B/A
May	1.94-95 —1 B/A	May	1.51½-52 unc.
		Sept.	1.51-51½ unc. B/A
July	2.03-04 unc. B/A		

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	96½-96⅜ —⅝	May	55⅞-55¾ —⅝
July	93⅞-93¾ —½		

Winnipeg Wheat		New York Silk No. 1	
May	84½-84½ —⅛	Mar.	$3.13½-14½ +23½

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Jan. 31.

Among commodities, rubber ruled steady on some trade buying, while Liverpool cotton prices declined on liquidation and general selling.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 11⅞ +1/16; sellers 12 +1/16; Feb. del. buyers 11 15/16 unc; sellers 11 15/16 +1/16.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Jan. Dropped; Mar. 7.80 —12; May 7.80 —11; July 7.76 —9; Oct. 7.55 —10. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Jan. Dropped: Mar. 10.10 —8; May. 10.25 —8; July 10.30 —8; Sept. 10.32 —8.

METALS

London Metals: Tin, Stan. cash buyers £237½ —¾; 3 mths del. sellers £237¾ —1; Tin, Straits, £262¾ —¾; Antimony, China Regulus, c.i.f., per ton £70 to £75, nominal, unch.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese in carload lots (25 tons) f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16½ cents per lb., unch. Tin, Straits, c.i.f., New York (25 ton lots) 45½ cents per lb., unch. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand, 11⅝ cents per lb., unch.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Changshu rice per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Sungkiang rice ,,	40.00
Saigon rice ,,	41.50
Cotton yarn 20's, Double Horse .... per bale	$761.00
Tungchow Cotton .. per picul	176.00
Wheat per picul (50 kilos) unquoted	
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	$10.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	12.00
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5,600
Raw silk, Steamfil, 13/15 83%	—
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22	5,000
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	5,100
	closing nom.

New York Market Dull

New York, Jan. 31.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange today moved within a narrow margin during a dull session. A few special issues fluctuated more than three points. January was a gloomy month for the financial district. Stocks declined and there was the lightest January trading since 1919. There was the smallest amount of bond trading since 1918. Prices also sagged and commodities dropped in volume and lightened toward the end of the month.

There has been more than a seasonal contraction in business with indexes back to the November levels. For Wall Street January was a month of deficits and sharp curtailment everywhere. Losses in stocks were not as severe as trading was light. Some interpreted the very dullness as inherent strength and predicted an early test of the strength of the list is in order.

Steels were mixed in today's session and autos sagged fractionally. Rails moved narrowly and were mixed. Utilities were steady and dull, while mercantiles were mixed. Farms were soft, mail orders steady, and slight losses were registered in aviations and oils.—United Press.

£54,000,000 From Wool

The estimated quantity of wool that will be available this season in Australia, together with the carry-over from last season, is about 3,222,-000 bales, which at the average price of 13-7-16d. a lb., Australian, should realize approximately £54,000,000.

The magnitude of this total is arresting—last season's was £42,000,-000—and as it becomes progressively available, the beneficial effects on Australian economy should be considerable.

A wide range of values based on a fixed flat rate for this, and next season at least, should bring a measure of strength to the wool growing industry. A price certainty should enable growers to budget ahead to some extent.

A PAMPHLET worth £1,000 has been discovered after laying about for 300 years. It is of ten leaves and it has been discovered in the survey of the ancient library of Sion College on the Embankment, near Blackfriars Bridge. It has lain gathering dust on the shelves for more than 300 years. Published in London in 1630, the date of the founding of the library, it was probably among the first books acquired. The survey was carried through during the last two years with a grant of £500 from the Pilgrim Trust.

Trade Regulation Urged By Adviser

Dr. F. C. Fuchs of Peru Asks For Creation of a Pan-American E. & I. Bank

Creation of a Pan-American Export and Import Bank to link the twenty-one American republics "more firmly and permanently than all the resolutions of the conferences at Buenos Aires, Lima and Panama" has been proposed by Dr. Fernando C. Fuchs, former Finance Minister of Peru, says Burton Crane in the "New York Times."

Dr. Fuchs was financial adviser to the Peruvian delegation at the recent Panama conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. At that conference he presented his plan, which also provides ideas for repayment of Latin-American foreign debts. It follows:

It has always been the dream of nations to become autarchic. Up to now no nation has realized this dream, but the nations constituting America actually produce everything necessary for the economic independence of this continent.

This being the case it is logical to create an organization with the purpose of distributing the raw materials and manufactured products of Pan-American and, after primarily satisfying the needs of this continent, selling the surplus to others. In this way many of the problems created for Pan-American commerce by the European war will be solved and competition among the nations producing the same commodities will be avoided.

Commercial Interchange

If within this commercial interchange the method of barter and compensation of balances (clearances) is employed, the stabilization of the currencies of the participating nations will be obtained, without resorting to other measures.

The maximum co-operation and solidarity could be reached if the ultimate creditor nation agrees to invest her favourable balance in a debtor nation, developing its natural resources.

Dr. Fuchs's plan does not contemplate that investments by the United States of its favourable balances should thereupon become as static as investments made in the past. He writes:

Most of the American republics now in default are not able to meet the service on their foreign debts with budget income, because such service would represent too high a percentage of said income, which is required to solve internal problems of vital importance. But all these debtor nations possess natural resources of great value that can be converted into exportable commodities.

Could Use U.S. Gold

The United States has an enormous amount of unproductive gold. Why cannot this gold be utilized in the development of the aforesaid natural resources with great benefit for creditor and debtor?

Through some temporary concessions for the exploitation of these natural resources, duly controlled by an official investing institution to avoid diversion of funds to other purposes, it would be possible to refund the loans actually unpaid. The concessions would last until actual debt and new capital were paid.

Dr. Fuchs's idea has points of close correspondence with a proposal which a Wall Street group has been presenting in several Latin-American countries, including Peru, Bolivia and Brazil. The idea, these bankers feel, would also be workable in Colombia, Chile, San Salvador and Costa Rica, but not in Ecuador, since its defaulted rail bonds are held principally in Great Britain.

Briefly, the plan is to go back to the idea of the British-controlled concessions companies at the close of the last century. These rescued several Latin-American nations from practical bankruptcy by creating exportable commodities for them.

Common stock would be issued in exchange for Latin-American obligations now outstanding in this country. The issuers would be asked to grant the company valuable mining concessions and at the same time to pay off blocks of the bonds at substantial discounts in their own currencies, so that the company would have domestic money with which to pay for labour and domestic materials. With the assistance of the Export-Import Bank or some other official organization in the United States, the concessions company would raise the money necessary for purchases of machinery here.

In the course of a few years, according to this plan, exportable commodities would result in each of the Latin-American countries participating in the plan and present bondholders would begin to get some return on their investments.

Electricity Output in The United States

New York, Jan. 31.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended January 27 totalled 2,566,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute, which was published today.

This indicated a gain of 11.9 per cent over the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 2,293,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,572,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 12.3 percent over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

U.S. Exports Soar

Washington, Jan. 31.

The Department of Commerce states that exports in December amounted to $368,000,000, thereby exceeding imports by $121,000,000. This is the largest margin recorded during the last ten years.

Exports in 1939 totalled $3,177,000,-000, against the import total of $2,318,000,000.

Since September 1, exports to Canada increased by 43 per cent.; to Scandinavian countries by 76 per cent., and to Latin American countries by 42 per cent.

Over the same period, exports to the United Kingdom decreased.—Reuter.

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DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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From GENOA
C. B'camano 26/1 22/2
Marin Sanudo 29/12 25/2

From TRIESTE
Himalaya 21/12 7/2
Monte Piana 20/1 10/3

From SINGAPORE
Himalaya 23/1 7/2

From SOERABAYA
Tjitjalengka 19/1 5/2
Tjisadane 2/2 19/2

From MANILA
Tjitjalengka 28/1 5/2
P. Taft 8/2

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Mokihana — 10/2
Sophocles 24/12 14/2
Ivaran — 17/2
Sorholt 30/12 21/2
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N. Maersk 24/1 11/3
S. Navigator — 12/3

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Agra 23/12 3/2
Canton 27/1 20/2

From HONOLULU
Asama M. 9/1 10/2
Tatuta M. 23/1 24/2

From NAGASAKI
Shanghai M. 4/2 5/2

From KEELUNG
Hukuken Maru 3/2 5/2

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Durban Maru 6/2
Tango Maru 7/2
Toba Maru 12/2

For CAPETOWN
Ruys 26/2

For JAVA
Tjibadak 2/2
Tjitjalengka 8/2

For HONGKONG
Asama Maru 11/2

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N. Maersk 13/3
Sophocles 15/2

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Chefoo		*20.00	7.30
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai		*20.00	8.00
Amoy Hongkong and Java Ports		8.30	9.00
Wenchow		8.30	9.00
Tsingtao	Z	9.30	10.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, February 3.			
Tsingtao and Darien		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
Amoy and Hongkong		*20.00	8.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai		9.30	10.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai	X	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	X	11.30	12.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	X	11.30	12.00
Foochow via Santuao	X	11.30	12.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and Manila		12.30	13.30
Hongkong and Canton		13.00	13.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Hongkong		19.30	20.00
SUNDAY, February 4.			
Tsingtao	X	9.30	10.00
Nantung		10.00	15.15
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.00	19.00

* The night before.
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Hangchow 11.30 and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

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Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 10, due L'don Mar. 15.
Per steamer via Suez, Feb. 14, due L'don Mar. 17.

WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Friday, February 2, 1940 (25th day of 12th moon)	SICCAWEI			
	Jan. 31		Feb. 1	
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.29	30.26	30.25	30.29
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.12	—0.08	—0.06
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.09	—0.04	+0.03
Wind (direction)	NE/E	E/N	NE	NE/E
,, (miles per hour)	10.6	9.2	17.5	17.5
Temperature (Fahr.)	40.°6	39.°9	39.°0	39.°4
Humidity %	87	96	100	99
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.07

Siccawei Abridged Report January 31	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.31	—0.07	30.30
Temp. Min. 32.°7 Max. 42.°8	37.°0	—	37.°0
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	2.23	0.03	1.95

Time and Tide	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.47	6.46	6.45	6.45	6.44
Sun sets at Shanghai....	17.29	17.30	17.31	17.32	17.32
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	1.23	2.26	3.20	4.10	4.55
Moon sets at Shanghai..	12.25	13.14	14.06	14.58	15.52
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.15	5.50	7.05	8.25	9.38
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.10	11.22	12.41	13.34	14.25
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	6.35	8.13	9.37	10.45	11.30
Ht above LLW. (feet) ..	7.40	7.60	8.00	9.00	—

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ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Feb. 7	Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Feb. 10	Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Feb. 13	Feb. 15 at 9 a.m.
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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Mohlenhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
Viva	San Pedro	A. Clayton
Torrens	Kobe	Dodwell
J'ne Justesen	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Karsten	Tlungkong	Chin Dah
Arabia M.	Hongkong	O.S.K.
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Bonno	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Liesel	Tlungkong	Chin Dah
Lipari	Tlungkong	Don Shing
Hongyun M.	Tlungkong	Chu Foong
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Meinan	Ningpo	S.V.O.C.
Jun M.	Tsingtao	K.U.K.
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Filefjell	Hongkong	—
Shanghai M.	Japan	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Taiko M. 8	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Aso M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Triton	Nor.	Dodwell
Taiyo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
P. J. Goulandris	Gre.	Dodwell
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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Role of Internal Security and Reserve Performed by S.V.C.

Annual Report Emphasizes Increased Demands On Services of Volunteers

COL. J. W. Hornby, Commandant, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, has submitted his annual report to the Municipal Council. It is divided into six parts. Parts 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Covering the period December 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939, but including October 10—The Double Tenth) are dealt with in the following article.

Part I states: Local Situation.—The local situation has been basically the same as in 1938. The Regular Forces still occupy the perimeter south of the Soochow Creek. The role of the S.V.C. has remained Internal Security and general reserve to the Defence Forces.

The restrictions on the use of the Municipal Range at Hongkew remain the same; that is to say, all Volunteers on duty have to proceed to and from by S.V.C. transport, and none are allowed to remain on the property overnight. The Chinese units are excluded entirely. This has prevented the full use of the Permanent Camp and has handicapped training accordingly.

Within the perimeter the most important feature has been the deterioration of the situation in the Western District. The chief burden of the lawless conditions prevailing in that area has fallen upon the S.M.P. and the Regular Forces in "D" Sector. However, the S.V.C. has been affected in two ways—first, by having been called upon during certain periods for armoured car and lorry patrols, and latterly, by having had to hand over the armoured cars to the Police.

The armoured cars were handed over to the S.M.P. on July 25, 1939. There is no prospect of their return in the immediate future. This is a serious matter because of the inevitable effect on a Unit which has long been recognized as one of the keenest and most efficient in the Corps, and because of the rapid deterioration of the cars on account of continuously heavy duty. (All but two of the cars were handed back by the S.M.P. on January 26, 1940, after the report had been written.)

Anniversary Days.—As was the case in 1938, the local anniversary days of 1939 were potentially times of internal unrest. However, co-operation between the S.V.C., S.M.P. and Regular Forces was thoroughly developed, with the result that the arrangements on all these occasions worked smoothly and with complete success.

More Emergency Days

The tendency has been for the number of Emergency Days to increase. This raised a serious problem because the majority of the Volunteers were experiencing difficult times in business and could ill afford the time they would be obliged to give if the Corps were mobilized. To meet the situation a system was developed whereby the essential numbers to find the necessary patrols, etc., were called up for a few hours and then released to return to their civilian duties. This procedure inevitably threw a very heavy burden of detailed work upon the Volunteer Commanders and their Officers and N.C.Os. All concerned deserve special praise for the successful way in which this system worked. It produced a maximum of volunteer effort with a minimum of dislocation to business.

The Summer Season.—During the past it was usual for volunteer training activities to come to a standstill from the beginning of May until the following October 1. This year it was very noticeable that unit activities were carried on with very little relaxation throughout the summer. This is attributed to the growing keenness of the volunteer, influenced no doubt by the frequency of local Emergency Days and by the international situation.

Courses of Instruction.—During the period under review there were rather more than the normal number of Courses of Instruction. The attendance at all of them was highly satisfactory. In a number of instances there were waiting-lists of Volunteers anxious to attend, but for whom vacancies could not be found.

For many of these courses the Regular Forces in Shanghai were called upon to furnish instructors. I would like to record again my sincere thanks to the General Officer Commanding The British Forces, and the Officer Commanding the 4th Regiment The United States Marine Corps for the unfailing way in which our maximum needs were met and with instructors of the highest standard. The S.V.C. is very indebted to all those concerned. Also I wish to record my thanks to the Commissioner, S.M.P., who frequently arranged the use of streets for volunteer training. But for this co-operation, much of the work that was done would not have been possible.

Training

Part II states: (a) Training.—General Survey.—By December 1, 1938 most of the H.Q. instructional courses for that training season were completed. During the remainder of the season the Officers and N.C.Os. who had attended these courses passed on to their Units the lessons learned. Satisfactory progress was made. There was a noticeable improvement in the standard of Unitsand-table instruction, and every Unit gave its members instruction in the elements of erection of sand-bag protection and barbed wire defences.

(b) Range Shooting.—The use of the Hongkew Range was still restricted. This prevented the evening shoots customary in former years and compelled all Volunteers to proceed to and from the Range by S.V.C. Transport. Nevertheless the shooting was keen and Units achieved a satisfactory standard. It was noticeable that several of the specialist units who are not called upon to classify with the rifle, developed a commendable interest in this weapon.

Because of the prevailing restrictions and because of the high cost of ammunition, a Rifle Meeting was not held this year. Instead a form of competition was devised, designed to encourage as many individuals as possible to attend on the Range at least once during the hot weather months.

In December, 1938, the British Units entered a team in the National Rifle Association Overseas Competition, the Wakefield Cup. The teams competing in this competition are drawn from all the Colonies in the British Empire. It is a pleasure to record that the S.V.C. succeeded in gaining second place and thereby winning nine bronze medals. All concerned are to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement.

Although the permanent camp has not been available, Units held their annual weekend camps. Work during the day was carried out on the Rifle Range, and in evenings at S.V.C. Headquarters. Those attending billetted in the Gymnasium and Club for the Saturday nights. A great deal of useful training and range shooting was put in at these Camps, and attendances were up to the average for recent years.

Instructional Courses.—Apart from the courses conducted by Corps H.Q. at the beginning of the season (see 1938 Report), several more were held during the period under review. They included extra Rifle and Pistol Courses for specialist units (December 1938); an Instructional Course for young officers in preparation for their Promotion Examination (January 1939); an Intelligence Course (February 1939) and two courses in Advanced Weapon Training for unit weapon training officers (May and June 1939).

In addition to these extra Corps H.Q. courses, instructional courses were conducted by Groups and Units as follows:—

"B" Bn.—Bayonet Fighting Course (August and September) 1939.
Sigs Co.—Signals Course (September and October) 1939.

The attendance at most of these courses was 100 per cent. in some cases with a waiting list of those for whom no vacancies could be found.

Co-operation Extended

Emergency Days.—A feature of the period under review was the number of days when the S.V.C. co-operated with the S.M.P. and Regular Forces in order to preserve order in the Settlement and Western District. In previous years it was customary to mobilize the Corps when trouble threatened. Such a procedure would not have been possible for all the emergency occasions this year. In the first place they were too frequent; in the second for some of them it would have been uneconomical to mobilize even a single unit and in the third, business conditions were such that no Volunteer could afford to be away from his civilian duties for more time than was absolutely essential.

Consequently S.V.C. action varied between on the one hand, duties confined to the Russian Detachment, and on the other a full mobilization of the whole Corps. The special feature was the number of days when armoured car, armed lorry and foot patrols were found by volunteer units without even a partial mobilization taking place.

The S.V.C. has given military support to the Police on 84 days. The volunteer units of the Corps were called upon on 18 of these days. These figures do not take account of the sentry posts found by the Russian Detachment on the Bund pontoons, which were maintained continuously for most of the year, nor the extra duties in aid of the S.M.P. carried out by the Transport Company.

It is important to note that the Russian Detachment was always worked to its fullest capacity before volunteer units were called upon.

There were five main emergency periods. A feature of these periods was the close co-operation between the S.V.C. and the British and American Forces in the joint task of supporting the Police.

August 9-14

At 0500 hrs. August 9, the Corps was placed on "Precaution." Between that time and 0500 hrs. on August 12, many patrols, guards, etc. were maintained continuously, the Volunteer Units working on a "short call" basis.

At 0500 hrs. August 12, the Corps was "Mobilized." It returned to "Precaution" at 0800 hrs. on August 14 and "Stood Down" at 2000 hrs. that day.

During the mobilization period the following duties were maintained continuously:—

(a) Armoured Car Patrol.—Two patrols. One operating in the Central District and one West of Yu Ya Ching Road.
(b) Armed Lorry Patrols.—Two patrols in the Central District.
(c) Foot Patrols.—Five patrols in the Central District.
(d) Sentry Posts.—Four posts and a visit patrol in Avenue Edward VII.
(e) Newspaper Office Piquets.—10 newspaper offices in the Central District were guarded by strong piquets manning sand-bag posts and a visiting patrol.
(f) Assistance to O.C. "C" Sector.—The American Infantry Units furnished continuously 3 officers and 120 O.Rs. to carry patrol duties under the orders of O.C. "C" Sector.
(g) Corps H.Q. Gunard.—A 24 hour guard.

All these duties with many variations were distributed between all the Cavalry and Infantry Units of the Corps. They were carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

Transport Company—Special Emergency Duties.—In addition to their normal duties carried out at all times when the Corps is on a "Precaution" basis or mobilized, the Transport Company performed certain special duties during the year under review.

Armoured Cars Active

The armoured cars were handed over to the S.M.P. on July 25. Except for a brief period in August, they remained on continuous S.M.P. duty thereafter. The drivers from these cars were provided by the Russian Detachment drivers' platoon. The continuous duty, long hours and tiring nature of the work proved beyond the capacity of the limited numbers available. In consequence the Transport Company volunteered to help.

The help took the form of providing drivers for the eight armoured cars in use, from 6.45 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Wednesday and from 2.45 p.m. to 11 p.m. on alternate Saturdays and Sundays.

Altogether between July 25 and November 30 the Transport Company did this duty on 28 occasions, each time affording the Russian Detachment drivers badly-needed rest. This arrangement was to be continued indefinitely at the conclusion of the period under review. All concerned deserve special praise for this effort.

Adm. Bloch Asks U.S. To Decide on P.I.

American Future in China Hinges on Decision

Washington, Feb. 1.

The United States should quickly decide whether to sever ties with the Philippines and withdraw to outposts at Guam or Hawaii or to remain in the Philippines to construct an adequate navy base there, Rear Admiral Claude C. Bloch, Commandant of the 14th Naval District at Pearl Harbour told the Women's Patriotic Conference here today.

If the United States withdraws from the Philippines, he said, Guam should made impregnable. He intimated that the United States could no longer perpetuate its policies regarding equality of opportunity in China if it withdrew from the Philippines.

The improvements the Navy asked last year for the strengthening of Guam will be submitted to Congress again this year, Admiral Bloch said. In a year it may conceivably be beginning a naval base there, he declared.

"Whether the action would be construed as a friendly or hostile gesture by another power should not be a deciding factor," he said. "If it is essential to our defence it should be undertaken."

Admiral Bloch described the Philippines as a third class naval base suitable only for small vessels.—United Press.

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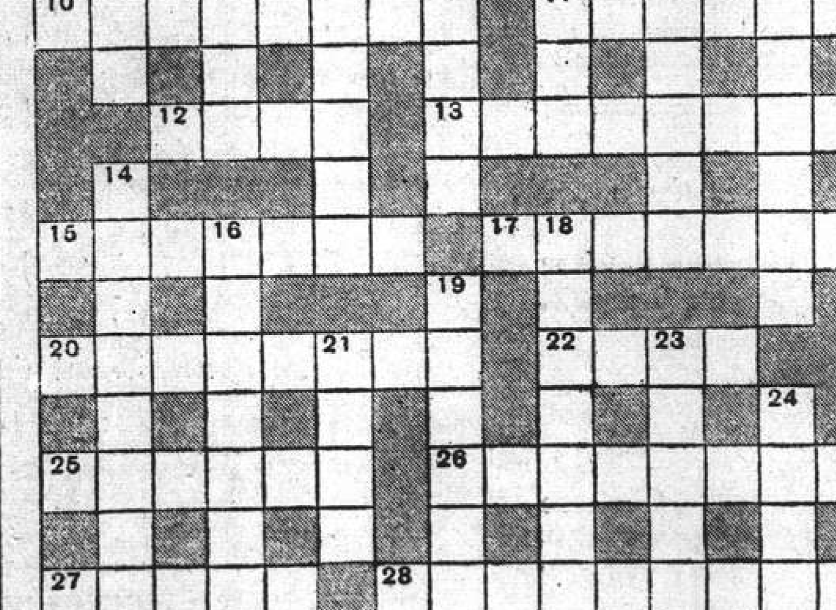

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8 The young actress paralysed with stage fright wished she could this part of London
10 Sweet that many aim at
11 Origin upset in 6 down
12 Singularly strange fetter
13 Station that suggests it is not holidays in America
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20 The shoemaker uses this instruction to the scrum
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27 When you guess this you will have to this it
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